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**A**NY man who undertakes to complete the unfinished work of another is likely to commit a double injustice; one to himself, the other to the original workman.

He cannot hope to carry out exactly his predecessor's plan, or to bring to bear upon any question that may emerge, precisely the evidence and illustration which might, in the first instance, have been ready at hand; and he will always be reluctant to introduce new matter which the first planner of the work might have been perfectly conversant with, and yet advisedly withheld. Tastes and opinions differ, and in the method of treating the facts or the problems of history, no two men, however much they may sympathize with one another in the main, can be found to be perfectly of one mind.

It was because Mr. Carthew knew this so well, that he never contemplated my finishing his book, in the event of his death occurring before it could be completed: and because I knew it too, I should have shrunk from such a presumptuous undertaking, if the proposal had ever been made to me.

Mr. Carthew was an antiquarian almost from his cradle, and inherited from his father, not only the remarkable faculty for research which he exhibited to the last, but no small store of materials which he found collected to his hand. It was when his vital energy was waning and his power of personally looking into difficulties and following up a clue had just a little diminished, that he commenced this volume. Before entering upon his task he made it a stipulation with his publishers that I should preface the work with an *Introduction*. I felt too much complimented, and had too much to thank my good old friend for, to allow of my making any difficulties, and though no man knows better than I on how much higher a level, as a student of local history, Mr. Carthew stood than I can ever hope to

reach—for he had won his spurs almost before I was born—I at once promised to do what I could. The reader must be lenient to me if the result be not what he had hoped for.

As to the book itself: it must be regarded as a fragment and no more. Its author was a dying man when he began it. The interest he took in it kept him alive for a year at least. He was fighting with death, almost merrily, during every day and every night. He came to call at my house on his seventy-fifth birthday, to shew himself; his bright eye twinkling with a roguish look as he said, ‘You are right after all, you see I’ve lived through June, and I’m not dead yet!’ He was sitting in his chair when the end came. He died almost literally with pen in hand. Twenty-four sheets had been struck off when the task came to me of seeing the rest of his material through the press. It was not an easy matter to decide what he had intended to print, or how to arrange it. I had scarcely seen the work till I was called upon to do my best with it. All that can be said is that the book contains an immense mass of curious information, not too well arranged, not too thoroughly digested, but such information as only a practised expert could have got together, known where to look for, or had the skill to decipher and set forth. The man who desires ‘to find out something’ about these parishes will find a great deal, and will be helped by the admirable Index compiled so carefully by Miss Wakefield, the gentle and indefatigable nurse and friend, housekeeper and secretary, to whom her uncle owed so much in the last years of a life which, but for her, would have closed in loneliness.

For the rest, let not the reader look for more in this volume than he has a right to expect. A Parochial History can never be a very lively or exciting book: it is valuable in proportion as it is a book of reference. Such works are not meant for entertainment. A Dictionary has no thrilling scenes, and seldom any sparkling dialogue; and a Parish History is, like a country parish itself, apt to be a trifle dull to the general public, however full of interest to the inner circle, whose fathers have owned the land or tilled it, lived there, worked there, died there, and been personages in their day.

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## Introduction.

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THE history of a people or a country, of men or the places they have dwelt in, can begin only at the point where the evidence begins which concerns the one or the other. Such evidence is of two kinds, the first that which may be called *Monumental*, the second that which is commonly styled *Documentary*.

Monumental evidence is such as indicates the existence of man within a given area, during a period whereof no existing written record takes any cognizance, though during its lapse letters and even a literary class may have flourished. Art is much more imperishable than literature, and its muniments date back to a time long anterior to that with which any literature deals. The flint weapons of the drift, the mighty earthworks of a remote antiquity, the Druidical remains of Wiltshire and Brittany, and a hundred other 'portions and parcels' of a past whose distance from ourselves we can only estimate by conjecture, belong to what I have called our Monumental evidence, which suggests so much but tells so little. It carries us back to ages anterior to the Christian era, how far back who shall say? With this evidence the following pages do not deal.

Nor, again, do they deal with the Monumental evidence of a much later time. In the church of Bakewell, in Derbyshire, may still be seen the splendid specimens of *Christian sculpture* which the Norman builders in that parish found there when they commenced to raise their church to heaven in the eleventh century, and which they barbarously built into their new walls; those walls later barbarians of the nineteenth century pulled down, and thus brought to light the wonderful richness of the older Saxon remains,

hidden there for eight hundred years. The Bakewell sculptures would have been sufficient of themselves to prove the long-continued existence of Christianity in the Midlands for centuries before the Conqueror came, even though no written records had assured us of the fact,—and these monuments tell a tale which is far more eloquent and more suggestive to the imagination than any existing chronicle. Where the documents are silent the monuments speak.

Norfolk is not rich in its monumental evidence of the past. The Romans had their day among us. Their coins, their urns, the foundations of their buildings and roads and forts and harbours are to be met with, and are scattered over the county everywhere. We know the Romans left our forefathers to themselves in the fifth century, and then there came a break of some centuries when it would seem that in East Anglia there was less building up than pulling down. Of the works of the earlier Teutonic settlers in Norfolk perhaps nothing is left. Norfolk was, of all parts of England, most cruelly devastated by the Danes. These Northmen were at first little better than marauders, and of their occupation very few undoubted traces are to be found. Gradually they adopted the creed and the civil institutions of those among whom they settled, and by the time the Danish dynasty had come to an end, the Northmen had become one with the native English whom they had conquered; but for any distinctive monuments of the Danish supremacy, we search with little or no results.

It was not with the unwritten evidence of the past, therefore, that the author of this volume concerned himself. Of the parishes that he deals with here he knows nothing till he stands upon that firm foundation which the evidence of the great Survey of William the Conqueror has laid for the historian.

Of *Domesday Book* it has been well said, that “No other land can shew such a picture of a nation at one of the great turning points of its history. For the great Survey is in truth a picture of the nation, and nothing less. . . . It is the first known statistical document of modern Europe; it was the first survey of the kind which had been made since the days of the elder Roman Empire.” They who would learn to estimate the supreme value and importance of this record, must read in Mr. Freeman’s fifth volume that

great historian's masterly summary of its contents. What *Domesday Book* records of the several parishes comprehended in this work Mr. Carthew has told us, but he speaks as an expert to experts, and a few words of elucidation may not be unacceptable to his readers.

One word meets us at the outset which may not be passed by without remark. This volume professes to be the history of four *parishes*. What is meant by a Parish?

The question is one which does not admit of a very simple answer. Without entering into the history of discussions and opposing theories, the following view may be accepted as perhaps not very far from the truth. In times long anterior to the date of our earliest records England was divided into a number of petty kingdoms, whose boundaries were constantly shifting, and whose normal condition was warfare. Constitutional government can hardly be said to have been even in its infancy—it existed in the embryonic stage. The king's authority was based upon the support of chieftains or men of influence, who were potent over the dwellers in certain districts in which those dwellers were settled. How they became settled this is not the place to enquire. Such districts so occupied were themselves petty provinces, the land being in the ownership not of one or more persons, but of a community, for which, in the absence of written law, local *customs* served the purpose of a code, while regularly-elected officers were the executive, the community in its corporate capacity exercising control, levying tribute, and enforcing its own decrees. This area of local self-government was known as the *township*, or the *town*; and when gradually and slowly Christianity overspread the land, and in the several petty kingdoms the bishops became in matters of faith what the kings were in matters of civil polity, then too, gradually and slowly the priest became in the township what the bishop was in the kingdom; and whereas the area of the little *kingdom*—viewed as a tract of country over which the bishop exercised a religious supervision and authority—was called his *diocese*, the area of the *township*—viewed as a tract over which the *parson* exercised a religious control—was called his *parish*. As time went on the boundaries of the larger areas became obliterated, in so far as they marked the limits of the older political unity, till the smaller kingdoms became at last consolidated

into one; but the original limits of the ecclesiastical kingdom—the diocese—were unchanged; the boundaries of the bishopric being identical with those of a petty kingdom which had been absorbed. It was otherwise with the smaller areas. The boundaries of the townships continued as they had been in ages past, and in the main continue still, and thus the parish is still identical with the township; and though the civil and political constitution of the community inhabiting the area of the township has undergone much change, that community is still in theory under the care and supervision of the parson of the town, and the township, viewed as the area over which the parson exercises religious jurisdiction, is the parish such as it was a thousand years ago.

When then we speak of a modern *parish* we speak of a geographical area which is, as it has been from ages past, a unit at once civil and ecclesiastical. It may or may not have been at one period an undivided territory, over which a single lord, chieftain, or headman was paramount; it may or may not have been the tract of land tilled in common by a family or colony of settlers, who claimed that land as their own, and within its boundaries governed themselves after a fashion of their own; but as time went on the strong won *rights*, or at any rate *powers*, over the weak, and separate ownership of portions of the common territory became acknowledged. The original unity continued to exist in some sense, and the separate ownerships were, in theory at least, innovations and encroachments upon the earlier common ownership. But if time heals most sorrows, so time is supposed to redress most wrongs, and to create rights which in their early stage of existence were no rights at all. Meanwhile, over these areas in which the changes indicated had been going on, the Church, as the religious force, in aiding the progress of society, had asserted her claim to teach and educate and civilize and elevate the people, and the land became overspread with the ministers of Christianity, who were gradually appointed by their ecclesiastical superiors to take the oversight of the districts whose boundaries had been long ago clearly defined. The older term of *township* had a tendency to fall into disuse, the more modern term *parish* superseded it, and did so the more readily because the area over which the parson exercised his duties and his jurisdiction was clearly defined and admitted of no dispute.

as to its limits, while within that same area, in regard to the ownership of the soil, a process something very close to disintegration had been going on, and even the community inhabiting that area had gradually become far less homogeneous than it had been before. Christianity had overspread the land.

When the Commissioners entrusted with the work of drawing up the great Survey for the Conqueror in 1086 entered upon their labours, they availed themselves of the fiscal machinery ready to their hand, and taking the townships as they then existed, they reported upon their condition mainly from the point of view of civilians charged with looking after the king's interests, and if possible improving his revenue. Of the ecclesiastical or religious condition of the townships—of the townships as *parishes* that is—and therefore of the ecclesiastical condition of the country generally at the time of the making of *Domesday Book*, the information we get is comparatively defective. Except in so far as a man and his possessions were liable to tax or tribute in some form or another, the Commissioners concerned themselves but little with them. Thus it is quite certain that there were many more churches in Norfolk at the time of the Conquest than are mentioned in *Domesday Book*. In that record only three hundred and seventeen are noticed, though it is no exaggeration to assert that in scores of parishes in the county fragments of Norman and pre-Norman architectural buildings are still to be found, which testify to the existence of churches in remote parishes anterior to the date of the Survey. Be that as it may, *Domesday Book* takes notice of only five churches in the Hundred of South Greenhow (which contains twenty-four parishes) and among those five two are the churches of East Bradenham and Necton, though I make no doubt that at West Bradenham and Holme Hale there were churches, and in each case a resident parson. Of the names of these men and their status, whether they were married or single, the work they did, and the influence they exercised, how gladly should we be able to learn something! but on these matters there is nothing to tell. This only we do know, that the great lords were very tenacious of their rights of patronage, and very jealous of any interference with those rights; and moreover there is too much ground for believing that an advowson and a next presentation were pieces of

property that had a marketable value which the owners, as a rule, were by no means slow to turn into money or money's worth as often as opportunity offered.

The Parson then, it must be observed, was at the time of the Survey pretty much in the same position in the parish as he now occupies, relatively to the rest of the inhabitants. He was a *freeman*, he had some education, he had enough to provide him with the necessities of life and a roof over his head, and socially he occupied a position somewhere between the tiller of the soil and the great lord; he received his appointment from the patron of the living, and he was irremovable during his lifetime.

Passing from the religious and ecclesiastical personages to the other dwellers in the township, we find at the dawn of our parochial history that we are brought face to face with several ranks or classes whose status was defined with a sharpness and clearness that happily it is difficult for us now to realize even in imagination. One great effect of the Conquest was that in theory it transferred the ownership of all the land of the country to the king. The king dealt with this land in various ways, but it will be enough to say that as a rule he made over large estates, scattered about in various shires, to his great lords, from whom some return was required in the shape of *service* to be rendered on occasion, and also in the shape of money payments answering to what we now know as *quit-rent*. These grants of land were called *Fiefs*, and in most instances they represent the possessions of the English supporters of Harold, whom the Norman invaders had driven out or slain.

Some large estates, on the other hand, the Conqueror kept in reserve, farming them by his stewards or bailiffs, the representatives, *mutatis mutandis*, of the land agents of our own days. Thus, with regard to these four parishes, the first we hear of them is that with the larger landowners non-residence was the rule. Such mighty men as Ralph de Tœni and Ralph Bainard took what they could get from the land, but left the people to manage their own affairs pretty much as they pleased, the stewards or seneschals giving in their accounts and making what they could out of the tenants of the soil.

Among these tenants there were strange differences.



1. The *Freeman* was, as his name imports, free to come and go, to work or play, to buy or sell, within the township. When he had paid his dues, whatever they might be, lord or steward had little more to say to him: it is unnecessary to spend more time upon him.

2. In the rank below the *Freeman* stood the *Villein* or Villanus. The villein was limited in his freedom in two respects; he might not remove from the *vil* or township without license, and he was bound to perform certain personal services to the lord of the *vil* to which he belonged. His lord had, so to speak, a claim upon a portion of his freedom, and as he was, so were his wife and offspring. The villein might not marry or alienate his land without the lord's leave; when he did so a fine was always exacted. But there were limits to the claim of the lord upon the villein, which made his position a very much higher one than that of the slave, and the march of freedom tended even to lessen those claims and to lighten their incidence.

3. Lower than the *villein* was the *serf* or *slave*, the descendant, it might be, of one captured in war, and who had purchased life by the surrender of his freedom. At West Bradenham we learn that there was one *serf* where at the time of the Conquest there had been four serfs. At East Bradenham, too, there had been four serfs, but when the commissioners made their report all had disappeared. Our history illustrates in its every page the truth that England has been always the land of the free, that there never has been a time when our forefathers have quietly submitted to slavery. Always the thirst for liberty has been burning. Where the strong hand of power has kept down the weak and done its best to make chattels of men and women, this has only lasted as long as brute force prevailed over everything else, or battle and murder were chronic. Slavery in England has always been in a dying state when peace and law have had their turn, though it might be only for a little while.

In the history of these parishes, accordingly, we hear no more of serfs after the Conqueror's days. The villeins were the only witnesses for a state of affairs wherein the great man could claim something of a man's bone and muscle, some share too in his ox or his horse, some use of his plough or his harrow; but the tendency from the first was that these levies upon the villein for personal service should be compounded for by money payments, and

with the increase of bullion and the gradual replacement of barter by trade carried on with specie as the universal medium of exchange, the old services died out, and thus the villein of the eleventh century has become the *copyholder* of to-day—he who now is rapidly *enfranchising* his land, and so procuring for it and for himself freedom.

And this brings us to consider another matter intimately connected with that just now touched on, viz., the tenure by which the land was held. In the township there is abundant reason for believing that there was a time when the land was treated as common property. Nay! by a curious method of periodical subdivision of portions of that common land into severalties—the ownership of which was limited for a definite time—the proprietorship of any large tracts of country was prevented, and it may safely be said that for long periods of time the absolute ownership of the soil was rendered practically impossible. As long as this system lasted progress in agriculture was impossible, all ambition was checked, all individual effort was thwarted, and every motive to exertion, in excess of that minimum which served to provide the family with the bare necessities of life, was slain. Whether the time be long or short, all ingenious devices for keeping down enterprise and levelling the status of men of energy and force of character to the condition of the sot and the fool, must at last prove vain and powerless. Genius, sagacity, moral power, strength of will, carry their possessors to the fore—the born leader must needs lead! And thus everywhere we meet with some one who in the old communities has risen to hereditary headship: everywhere the *town* has its one or sometimes more than one chieftain, or whatever else you may call him: everywhere the manor has its *lord*. Yet in the process that has gone on, though the tendency has been towards monarchy it has rarely been towards despotism. While the great man has been encroaching upon the small ones there have always been others who in the meanwhile have been encroaching upon the common lands also, and have been able to establish ownership over this or that portion of the soil; they have refused to give up this or that plot, or to cultivate it as the community have desired; they have fenced off this piece of meadow lying contiguous to their own dwellings, and appropriated this bit of heather, slowly converting it into some semblance of a garden, or it may be into

an orchard. The great man has never been able to dispossess them. He may have succeeded in establishing his claim to be the headman or lord over the township and its acreage, but these others have a right to their lands, and their little estates are freeholds, and they themselves are free tenants; what they hold they hold *freely*. As for the rest of the occupiers of the township land, they have been able only to win the privilege of appropriating any land by the leave or license, not of the community, but of the chief man now become lord of the *vil* or manor. To him they pay their annual dues, originally perhaps only in the shape of services rendered, or it may be partly in service, and to a small extent in money also: these are the *tenants in villenage*.

It must have frequently happened that the tenant died without heirs: the question then arose, to whom did his land go? The community as a corporation of owners of the soil had disappeared: it had by this time become represented by the lord; accordingly the land of the man without heirs *escheated*, as it was called, to the head man of the *vil*. As it was with the sovereign, so it was with the lord of the manor—he *never dies*.

And yet lords of manors *do* die and have died. If the lord had heirs male no difficulty arose. If he died without heirs, then his manor and all his manorial rights met with the same fate as befel the land of his tenant which no heir claimed, they *escheated* to the Crown; the theory in that case being that the land had only reverted to the king, who was its original owner. But if that happened which was always happening, viz., that the lord died leaving only daughters as coheirresses, what followed then? In that case the manor, losing its unity, was frequently split up into two or three more manors, each a distinct and separate manor, with its own jurisdiction, its own court, and its own lord; the confusion and disputes arising from the attempts to make things go on smoothly being easier imagined than described.<sup>1</sup>

Let it not be supposed that the bounds of the township and the manor were identical. So far from it, in Norfolk, at any rate, instances of such identity are rarely to be met with. Manorial rights extend in some cases

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<sup>1</sup> This creation of new manors by the subdivision of an old one was put a stop to by the Statute of *Quia emptores* in A.D. 1290.

over very large tracts of country; and in the following pages it will be observed that Ralph de Toeni's manor of Necton ran into the parish of Bradenham. In other cases again the manor shrinks to absurdly small proportions, and the little manor of Plais, purchased by the Cliftons in 1337, was probably no more than a small farm-house with a score or two of acres and a couple of hovels where the labourers had their dwellings.

If there was always at work a *centrifugal* force, which tended towards breaking up the unity of the larger property, tending in fact towards subdivision; so there was a *centripetal* force also, which was working towards the absorbing of the small estates by the larger proprietor. All the legislation in the world will not stop the action of natural laws. Confiscate and re-apportion the land of this country or any country to-morrow, and it is only a question of time when things will come back to the condition in which you found them when you began to set the world straight according to your enlightened theories. History will not bear being mimicked, but she is always repeating herself. You cannot bring back the past, but the past is always recurring in the one eternal cycle whose orbit is not to be widened or narrowed at the will of man. The slow building up of an estate from very small beginnings by the Masons of Necton, the gradual diminution of the possessions of the Bedingfelds at Holme, or the sudden blight upon the fortunes of the Hoos or Hogans, are only examples of what has been going on from the beginning, is going on now, and will continue to go on to the end.

The History of the Parishes treated of in this volume contains nothing startling, nothing sensational, nothing approaching the heroic. At the time of the Survey it would seem that at East Bradenham alone was there any person of importance resident—and that person a lady. West Bradenham must have been what we now call an *open parish*, with none but small proprietors, and contrasting favourably with the other township in the condition in which the Commissioners found it. When things had begun to settle themselves after the Conquest, Osmund, the steward and land-agent at West Bradenham, did what land-agents still do, he made the most of his opportunities, and became the great man of the place. During the anarchy of Stephen's time another Osmund, by this time known as

Osmund de Cailli, is said to have dug a moat and put his cattle and himself within the enclosure, where in the long nights he kept watch and ward like a wise man lest the rogues should lift his cows. It is to be feared that most men were more or less of rogues in those bad times when there was no king in Israel, and every man did that which was right in his own eyes. The traces of this second Osmund's house and moat are still to be found, though it must not be supposed that the original manor of the Caillis was an imposing structure. Nevertheless, the remains are as I have said, still traceable, so indelible is the evidence of our crimes or our wrongs. With the accession of Henry II. law came in, and the time for running up strongholds for ruffians had passed away, and therefore we first hear of marriage settlements, and dower, and claims for waste, and the like. The lawyers are having their day. Land-agent Osmund has passed away and been half forgotten, but the hard-headed sagacious old schemer begat sons like unto himself, with an eye to the main chance and no notion of selling themselves too cheap. Just two centuries after the first Osmund had been reported as a prosperous man of business, who had a good reputation for minding that business, another Osmund—by this time *Sir* Osmund if you please—has grown much too big a man for that old-fashioned timber edifice with its black pools of stagnant water—yclept a moat—around it. Sir Osmund is now allied with the best families, and accordingly in 1284 he must have a bigger house and keep more state, as befits a gentleman of his importance. By this time, too, he has become lord of the manor, and his brother is rector of the parish, and his son has made a brilliant marriage, and the estate is strictly entailed, and who knows what may not be in store for the Caillis in a generation or two? Alas! in twenty years from the old gentleman's death not a Cailli was left. The rector was dead, his nephew—apparently he too, a clergyman—was dead; Sir Osmund's only son was dead and childless, and the estate had passed away to another family, the Cliftons of Buckenham Castle; and as that was a much grander dwelling-place than Sir Osmund's mansion, with all the improvements, the house was shut up and deserted, and the Bradenham people were left to themselves.

The Cliftons, being non-resident landowners, cared not two straws for Bradenham or its inhabitants, except so far as the one or the other possessed

a money value. Living at Buckenham Castle, these Cliftons must needs have been on intimate terms with the Prior of Buckenham, and in the fourteenth century a good deal of profitable business was done by monasteries in the market where advowsons were sold. No layman could *appropriate* the endowments of any living—that was fiercely denounced as sacrilege and simony—but there was very little difficulty in the way of a monastery appropriating such endowments, and leaving the inhabitants of any parish to make the best of it with a parson whose income had been all but confiscated. The thing was easily managed. The patron disposed of his advowson to the priory, or abbey, or nunnery, as the case might be. The monastery then applied to the bishop for license to appropriate the tithes and glebe of the benefice to the use of the *religious house*, whose income was certified to be insufficient; certain formalities were gone through, and the benefice at the next avoidance ceased to be a rectory. The officiating clergyman from henceforth being in a great measure thrown upon the voluntary principle for his maintenance, and unless he was lucky enough to have other means of eking out a subsistence, he found himself in straitened circumstances while the monks were thriving.

This is what happened at West Bradenham when the Cliftons turned their backs upon the place,—they *gave* the advowson to Buckenham Priory. In county histories it is to be observed that needy or greedy country gentlemen in the fourteenth century are always said to have *given away* their livings to monasteries; and I have observed in one or two instances that this magnanimity was the more beautiful because it was resorted to when the man who *gave* was in embarrassed circumstances, while the monastery was particularly the reverse. At any rate these Cliftons *gave* the advowson of West Bradenham to the Buckenham Priory, and thus alienated for ever the ecclesiastical resources of the parish as far as they could. This is all that the parish has to thank the Cliftons for. They held the property for about one hundred years—took from it all they could get, spent on it nothing they could withhold. Being absentees, what was priest or people to them? If they could make a pound or two by the alienation of the advowson, why should they not?

The Cliftons came to an end in 1452: there was no heir male to carry on

the name. The inheritance passed away to a grand race—a race of giants, conspicuous in the sixteenth century for their valour, immense physical strength, and great personal beauty—the Knyvets of Buckenham Castle. They, too, were non-resident landlords, and West Bradenham as a natural consequence exhibits during their ownership another century of neglect, desertion, absenteeism, and obscurity. The Knyvets held the estate till 1540, and then sold it. Note once more how the old story is for ever repeating itself—there is nothing new under the sun. In 1540 Sir Edmund Knyvet being seized of the manor or manors of West Bradenham in fee simple, is in want of money. William Rede, a self-made man, whose fortunes are still in the ascendant, is in want of land. The estate changes hands, and the London citizen and mercer becomes a landed proprietor.

It is hardly within my province to say much here upon the family of the Redes: they are, however, old friends of mine, my acquaintance with them dating back to the middle of the thirteenth century, when they were small people, holding little patches of land in Massingham, Rougham, and the adjoining parishes, and steadily rising in importance. At last one of them goes to London, and others follow. They not only make money, but, which is a very much more difficult thing, they know how to keep it and invest it, and before the close of the sixteenth century they have become allied with some of the first people in England, and are famous for their wealth and, let us hope, for other virtues.

But what happens to Caillis and Cliftons and Knyvets happens to Redes—the heirs male will die off. Again the inheritance devolves upon a daughter. Then comes confusion. The little Norfolk parish gets tossed about from one hand to another—farmers pay their rents to this agent or to that—the landlord never shows his face—no one of the rank of ‘gentleman’ is seen in the place, except he be some sportsman riding across the dreary fields. The parish must have been poverty-stricken, barren, dull; the trees all pollarded, the heath mere gorse and scrub; the life of the peasantry monotonous and uneventful, little to cheer, nothing to interest.

At last a new day dawned when Mr. Smyth bought the estate in 1753, and began to build his house in 1760. During five centuries this little parish had been left to itself, sending up its rents to be spent anywhere

except among those who had toiled to earn them. Think what the building and occupying of a house like Bradenham Hall must have been to the poor people during the hundred and twenty years that it has been tenanted by kindly gently-nurtured people, young and old, who have gone in and come out among the farmers and the cottagers! Let any man with his eyes open pass through such parishes as West Bradenham, Necton, and Holme Hale, which for a century and more have enjoyed the blessing of a resident gentleman and his family, and contrast their appearance with that of neighbouring parishes which are *mere estates of investment*, and where squalor, ugliness, and a sullen stagnation seem to have settled upon the fields and their tillers, dwarfed the few remaining trees, and glorified the pot-house—let a man, I say, note all this, and peradventure he may be the better for his day's walk, at any rate he will have something to reflect upon when he gets home.

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If the history of West Bradenham is typical of the history of a hundred others, as far as the fortunes of its leading landowners are concerned, the parish of Necton on the other hand presents us with as curious and unusual a chapter of family history as could probably be found in the whole county of Norfolk.

Towards the beginning of the sixteenth century, *i.e.*, as far back as the records extend, we find that in this parish of Necton a family had been living for some time, whose surname was uncertain, as it continued to be for more than half a century. The most probable explanation of this uncertainty of name—is a phenomenon of by no means uncommon occurrence in our early records—is to be sought for in the fact that a man of no ancestry was often called indifferently by the name of his dwelling place, or by the trade he pursued.

These good people at Necton, originally the *millers* of the town, had, it seems, gone into speculations in something else besides grain, and, not content with being successful *millers*, had succeeded equally as *masons*, and got to be called, sometimes by the name of their earlier, sometimes by that of their later trade. Thrifty, sagacious, and unambitious of great things, they made money quietly, and never losing a chance, they bought up every little plot of land that came into the market, till, in 1559, one of them finds himself rich



enough to buy a small manor in West Bradenham, though he still takes rank only as a yeoman. This was Paul Miller alias Mason, whose father Nicholas had died about ten years before, and left his son no inconsiderable patrimony. For Nicholas, with a faculty for trade and commerce, had not been content with being either a *miller* or *mason*, or both, but had started a tannery—probably at Necton or Swaffham,—and had made it pay gloriously. That Paul the son kept on the tan-yard is pretty evident, for he had a partner in the business named Collinson, who seems to have ‘made his pile,’ and retired upon his savings in 1567. Possibly the Masons, after this, managed to keep the tannery in the family, for we read of no more partners. Possibly they bought out friend Collinson. Be that as it may, the tan-yard was a great deal too good a thing to let slip away from them; and as late as 1641, we find them still connected with it. Indeed, till late in the seventeenth century, they seem to have been tradesmen rather than anything else; and it was not till after the revolution of 1688, when the Stuarts were driven out, and William of Orange obtained the throne, that they won or were compelled to accept a recognised position among the landed gentry of the county. That was after Richard Mason of Necton, in 1697, had been pricked for the office of High Sheriff, and so had become the first *Esquire* of his race. The family were still apparently engaged in trade, one of them being a grocer in Swaffham, as late as 1717.

Meanwhile, with a rare steadfastness of purpose, they kept on buying field after field until, when William Mason of Necton, Esq., died in 1835, the parish may have been said to belong to him; certainly his influence was paramount. Alas! in little more than forty years after Mr. William Mason’s death, though he left four sons behind him, the family had become extinct, and there was no male heir to perpetuate the name. During all those three hundred years in which they were building up their fortunes, and slowly rising by their industry, probity, and self-denial, I cannot find that any one of them was distinguished in any way whatever, or that any one of them even attempted to succeed in the learned professions—in law, medicine, or divinity. From anything that appears in the following pages, or that Mr. Carthew’s learning and research has been able to discover, no one of them had even a university education, or had shewn the smallest ambition to serve

his country in the army, the navy, or politics.<sup>1</sup> For three hundred years and more, from father to son, they stayed contentedly in the pretty little Norfolk village, planting and building, saving and improving; and when there were no more manors to buy they came to an end.

As far as I am aware this is a unique chapter of English family history.

It is, however, not only as illustrative of the romance of family history that the records of a parish are so deserving of careful and minute study. Rather it is, as those records illustrate the general history of our fatherland that they become most valuable and instructive. Here the questions that present themselves for solution are countless. Where shall we begin? With what shall we attempt to deal? Unhappily, in every one of these parishes treated of in this volume the documentary evidence is very defective. It is in the highest degree improbable that people so careful as the Masons, and whose business habits must have been bred into them, could have allowed their early charters to be kept in a loose and slovenly manner. It is morally certain that at no very distant date large masses of court-rolls, bailiffs' accounts, settlements, transfers, and the like were handed down and jealously guarded by each successive possessor. What has become of all these stores it is now impossible to say, and I forbear to conjecture. Certain it is that in this parish, of which any man at all accustomed to research would have expected to discover almost all that need be known, Mr. Carthew was able to find absolutely nothing between the eleventh century and the fifteenth. This is the more to be regretted because, as I have said, it is morally certain that the apparatus for a complete parochial history existed less than a century ago, and probably existed in its entirety in the custody of the Masons even at a later date.

The same cannot be said of the Bradenhams or even of Holme Hale. There the frequent change in ownership and other circumstances, on which it is impossible to dwell, made it very unlikely that in the case of those parishes there should have been any great accumulation of *evidences*, such as we might reasonably have expected to find at Necton. The result is,

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<sup>1</sup> George Mason, the last of the race, who assumed the name of Blomfield, was however a Colonel in the army.

that in the documents at our command we find a deplorable break extending over a period of nearly four hundred years, during which time we have to content ourselves with the veriest scraps of information. What would we not give for a really good map of any parish in Norfolk of the thirteenth or the fourteenth century? How it would open our eyes! The next best thing would be to get that for any of these parishes which does exist for many others, viz., an *extent* of any one of the manors in the parish during the fifteenth century. Here again we look in vain. There is no such document setting forth the boundaries of every little field and garden, the size of every house, the names of all the occupiers: these things have gone. Or again, what a find it would be to turn up the bailiff's account of any one of these manors in the year say 1340, and compare it with another in 1440. The Black Death had stalked over the land in the meantime, lessening the population of the county by one-half at the very least, and had produced important social and economic changes, the extent of which have even now been only partially estimated. Again we look for such evidence, and we look in vain. That is to say, that in this volume we have little or nothing to help us in gaining a correct notion of the social condition of the people during four centuries; or of the effect produced by a calamity so tremendous as that of the great plague in the reign of Edward III. I say *little or nothing*, for though the private records of the parish have disappeared, the public records have not all gone. Do you want to know how the Black Death treated us in Norfolk five hundred years ago? Lift a corner of the great curtain which hides the past from us, and look for a moment.

At Holme, in the spring of that dreadful year (A.D. 1349), Robert de Beston was rector of the parish, and had been so for nine years. The plague came and took him off, and Edmund de Illey, the lord of the manor and patron, presented his kinsman, William de Illey, on the 28th April, who was instituted accordingly. Before two months were over both patron and rector were dead, and on the 27th July one Edmund Cole succeeds on the presentation of the last patron's son, Alan de Illey. This rector appears to have survived the visitation: the new patron, however, fell a victim to the scourge, leaving behind him a son as yet in his minority. At West Bradenham the parson escaped altogether. At East Bradenham the rector

died in the autumn, and his successor was appointed on the 7th October. That successor himself seems to have succumbed when the plague returned in 1361. At Necton at least two of the vicars were stricken down, and I find one John Baxter, instituted to the vicarage on the 14th September, in addition to those whose names appear in Blomefield. If in these four contiguous parishes death dealt so unsparingly with precisely the men whose circumstances raised them above the sordid needs and filthy habits and squalid poverty of the masses, what must the death-rate among those masses have been! Let the corner of the curtain drop, and pass on!

During the next two centuries we are left with only small gleanings of information about the life of these parishes. We know that the people lived their lives in a quiet monotonous way. Three or four times a year the stewards of the several manors held their courts, and summoned a jury of the chief inhabitants, when disputes of boundaries were settled, fines were levied for this offence and that, one was amerced for drawing blood of his neighbour, another for letting his cattle stray upon the lord's land, or lopping the lord's trees, or for not doing due service, or for other petty offences. Sometimes some woman was put in the ducking stool as a common scold, or otherwise punished for manifest slander. Now and then there was a case of marrying for love, without asking the lord's leave, and the girl was fined and the man had to pay the money. So things went on, and if the rolls of the manor court and the court leet had been preserved we should have gained an insight into the course of events, and been able to note the slow progress which the people made, and perhaps we should have found many hints to guide and inform us; but the earlier rolls have disappeared, and when the records of the local courts do come in to help us we find these courts fallen into a condition of great decay; and the records that remain differ but little from such as may be found in our own time, and which deal with the ordinary business of a parish meeting, and with such trifling matters as not clearing out a ditch, or not removing a nuisance by the way-side; matters, however, which are not without a certain interest if they be read with intelligence by those who, knowing that the same causes of quarrel or discontent have always been going on from time immemorial, yet think it not beneath their notice to observe how at different times they have been dealt with in very different

ways, and how the manner of dealing with abuses may give a clue to the varying conditions of society and states of feeling which change from age to age.

It is only when we come to the sixteenth century that we find among the existing records documents of much interest. The reign of Henry VIII. marks an epoch in English history which in the momentous changes it brought about in the whole fabric of society is second, if indeed it be second, in importance only to the Norman Conquest itself. The suppression of the religious houses was a revolution of tremendous magnitude, felt in every parish, one may say in every household, in England. Of course it was felt in these four parishes. In West Bradenham the Prior and Convent of Buckenham were rectors of the living. In East Bradenham the Abbey of Bury St. Edmund's was patron of the church. At Holme Hale and Necton the religious houses of Westacre, Thetford, Coxford, Castleacre, Shouldham, and Blackborough all had estates. All those estates were confiscated and all changed hands. The person who benefited most by the spoliation was one Robert Hogan, an adventurer of whom we know little or nothing, except that he was employed under the Royal Commission, that he gorged himself with the plunder of the monasteries, that he died possessed of various manors and lands, and that in the next generation the estates appear to have vanished. The Hogans disappeared after 'muddling away' the wealth that they knew not how to manage or to retain.

In the following reign the proceeds of the sale of monastic property had been all squandered, and the question was what was to go next. The monks had been the first to be robbed, but they were not to be the last. The lower orders, if I may use the expression, had in almost every village in England some accumulated property which was held by certain associations almost identical in their constitution with that of our more modern benefit clubs. These were the *guilds*. Then, as now, the labouring classes and smaller occupiers subscribed to these guilds, and thus assured to themselves decent burial at the expense of the corporate funds. The larger occupiers and the gentry were what we should now call honorary members, and the common practice was for any man of substance, who had the means, to leave a legacy to the guild or guilds of the parish, sometimes a sheep or a bullock

for a dinner or special feast, sometimes a silver goblet, sometimes a sum of money towards the funds. There was not a village or town in Norfolk where one or more of these guilds had not been established for centuries, and in almost every instance they were possessed of property, sometimes property of considerable value. The whole of it was confiscated in Edward VI.'s reign. Among the rest the guilds of these four parishes were abolished and despoiled.

When spoliation begins it never stops at the point which its originators assure us will never be passed. But the guilds and their funds were not enough to satisfy the robbers. The monasteries had gone; the guilds had gone. Next came the free chapels. These were supplementary places of worship, founded in some cases by devout people, for the convenience of those who lived at a distance from the parish church—in other cases, for the multiplication of religious services in that church, the ministering priest being provided for by special endowment. Though in the first instance these chapels were little better than monuments of the dead whose souls were prayed for there, yet in time they became to some extent Chapels of Ease, and the *chantry priest* became a kind of coadjutor to the *parish priest* or parson. They were called Free Chapels because they were made free of episcopal supervision and control, and consequently the worshippers were, within certain limits, able to vary even the ritual, and at any rate to introduce some modifications of it without fear of being interfered with. Curteys' Chapel at Necton is a good instance of these chapels; and it is to be noticed that the founder expressly directed that a *special collect* should be introduced into the ordinary prayers, which might serve, not only to make posterity remember him, but peradventure lead others, in the days to come, to emulate his liberality and provide for future contingencies, when other such chapels might be required by an increased population. But the free chapels were all confiscated, and Curteys' Chapel among them—it and its endowments. Still the robbers were not satisfied: there was plunder yet to grasp.

Every church in Norfolk had its treasures, its plate, its jewels, its vestments, its organ; above all, its bells. The aggregate value of this vast mass of property it would be impossible to estimate. The spoilers next

turned their thoughts to these reserve funds of the various parishes. In the Appendix will be found the inventories of the church goods in the Bradenham, Necton, and Holme Hale. They were all swept away: bells, chalices, vestments, things great and small—all went to the hammer; the vilest, the vulgarest, the most profligate of scoundrels scrambling for the proceeds. English History has no parallel—no parallel at all—to produce for such cruel, wanton, and unprofitable pillage, carried on so unsparingly, and submitted to so tamely, as the plunder of the church goods in the reign of Edward VI.

The accession of Queen Mary stopped the current of devastation that had been running in one direction for nearly twenty years. When Queen Elizabeth came to the throne another change began. This was the persecution of the Catholic gentry by the queen and her advisers. Again the history of these parishes affords us instances of those who suffered hard measure for conscience sake, and in the notices we get in the following pages of the fines and penalties imposed upon the *popish recusants* we find the evidences of that religious intolerance which has too often disgraced our annals, which one side and the other have exhibited or suffered from according as the one or the other has been in the ascendant, and which it is to be feared will never die out as long as men believe that they only are right and everybody else is wrong. In this nineteenth century a new phase of the old persecuting mania is ready to break out with all the old ferocity and venom. The bigots now are not Jews or Moslems, Catholics or Puritans. These latter are now on the defensive, timidly begging only that they may be let alone to enjoy the liberty of worshipping God as they please. It is not religion but irreligious intolerance that now is in the ascendant; and the bigots, with the fierce eyes and the wild howls of execration, who would gladly be the relentless persecutors if they dared, are not they who believe too hard, but they who pretend that they believe nothing.

The traces of the turmoil consequent upon the great rebellion are few in the following pages. What the Bedingfelds suffered and how little thanks they got from the restored Stuarts may be read elsewhere, but not here. We do however catch one glimpse of the state of things that was going on. Poor Mr. Hungate of East Bradenham is a *delinquent*, and of

course is stripped bare. Had not his father, Sir Henry, clung to the king loyally and died in Oxford garrison? Such a man's son must needs be a delinquent in the eyes of the malignants. The inquisitorial tyranny of the parliamentary government was only surpassed by the hideous oppression of a century before.

After the Revolution in 1688 we seem to have arrived at *very* modern times. I have myself frequently spoken to a gentleman whose grandfather in his childhood saw Charles II., and heard his voice. My friend would be some years short of ninety if he were now alive. This makes the eighteenth century appear to me but as yesterday, and all that passed in Bradenham and Necton while the Georges reigned only so much matter of gossip and scandal that one should shrink from repeating. Such as it is, however, it may be read in Mr. Carthew's pages, and it requires from me little elucidation and no comment. It is time that I should leave my old friend's book to speak for itself. I am doing a wrong to the show by acting the part of showman too long.

A. J.

*Scarning, August 28th, 1883.*



HISTORY OF THE PARISHES  
OF  
WEST AND EAST BRADENHAM,  
WITH  
NECTON AND HOLME HALE.

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West Bradenham.

“**B**RADDENHAM,” says the late Mr. Smyth (whose MS. I am using), “derives its name from the Saxon *Brad*, broad; *Den*, a vale abounding with wood; and *Ham*, a village: hence Bradenham signifies a village or town in a broad woody vale.” Mr. Munford’s definition, however, is more probably correct as regards the second or middle syllable. The prefix, he says, (agreeing with Blomefield) is the personal name *Brad*, broad; the middle syllable *en* is the Scandinavian article postfixed, as is usual in these districts, and it is demonstrative; *ham*, the home, seat, or village of a family, is the common final syllable of a majority of towns in Norfolk.

I am not aware that this place finds mention in any historical work before *Domesday*. In that Survey it is stated,—amongst the lands in the Hundred of Grenehou held by William de Warrenne, and which were included in the Conqueror’s grant,—In Bradenham, a certain free man held thirty acres of land, on which had always been three bordars; but Osmund had the soc and sac. There was also a wood affording keep for ten swine, and two acres of meadow. Its value had been assessed at 5s. a year, which it still maintained. But this was no more than an anthill in the possessions of William de Warrenne, who, having erected his castle upon the mound at Acre, was a magnate in the county; and having some information that there was other land in Bradenham in the king’s hands, took it for granted he would be welcome to it, and entered into possession. So it may be inferred, for in the same Survey, under the title *INVASIONES*, containing an account of those lands which were held by intrusion without the Conqueror’s authority,—that is, they that held them had not

been put in possession by the sheriff, nor by the king's writ or brief,—occurs the name of William de Warrenne as holding in Bradeham half a carucate of land which had been held by Godric. There were always five villans, two bordars, and one serf; one plough-land was in hand, forming the demesne, and one amongst the tenants; and besides there were two free men, holding two bovates or oxgangs, wood for twenty swine, and four acres of meadow. It had been assessed at the value of 10s., and still stood so, but William's men asserted that he then derived no profit from it. William had held this land before it was forfeited; but, as was testified by the hundred, the king owned it both when it was forfeited and afterwards. *Robert Blund*<sup>1</sup> had it in farm from the king, and Godric had paid into the treasury by his writ or brief 20s.; and again it was in the king's own hands, and the free men of the hundred had seen no evidence how it passed to William (Warrenne).

To this estate belonged land in Cley, Witton, Shipdham, Tuddenham, Cressingham, and Holme. In what manner any forfeiture from Warrenne to the king could have occurred I cannot understand; at all events he re-entered upon it, and was in possession at the time of the Survey. He only acted on—

“The good old rule, the simple plan,  
That he shall take who has the power,  
And he shall keep who can.”

Three carucates—say three hundred and sixty acres—of arable land, besides wood and pasture, was a large addition to thirty acres. As to the latter, Blomefield speaks of it as having been for legal purposes under the jurisdiction of S. (called somewhere Simon) Osmund. Here he must have miscopied the Survey; and so also Sir Henry Ellis seems to have done in the copy printed for the Royal Commissioners, in which the text is as follows:—“In bradenham teñ qdā lib hō xxx ač. ibi semp<sup>3</sup> iii bord. s& Osm' habebat soca ⁊ saca.” But upon examination of the facsimile copy of *Domesday Book* relating to Norfolk, photozincographed by Sir H. James, I see there is no capital S., but only s', the first letter and contraction for *sed*, and the following word is not Osm, a contraction of Osmund, but oīm—*omnium*. It should therefore read, *He* (who?) had the soc<sup>2</sup> and sac<sup>3</sup> of all (what?)

Well, we see in the two preceding paragraphs that in the Confessor's time Osmundus held Hildeburh for a manor (or residence), to which were attached land, &c., in Claia, and the thirty acres in Bradenham, of all which, it goes on to say, he had the soc and sac. The nominative to *habebat* must be looked for farther back than in the short sentence I have extracted. It comes to the same thing, for such jurisdiction could not be confined to the tenancy of one man holding thirty acres, but must have belonged to Osmund in

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<sup>1</sup> Godericus and Robertus Blundus are both mentioned in other places in the Survey as holding the office of stewards or farmers for the Conqueror.

<sup>2</sup> *Soc*, in Saxon, the authority or liberty to minister justice and execute the law.—Blount.

<sup>3</sup> *Sac*, a royalty or privilege which a lord claims to have in his courts in causes between his tenants or vassals.—Ib.

respect of his manor of Hilborough,<sup>1</sup> which at the time of the Survey belonged to William Warrenne.

We find also, from the Domesday Survey, that another of the Conqueror's companions had land in Bradenham. Radulf, or *Ralph de Toeni*,<sup>2</sup> had from the king the lordship of Necton, which had been held in the Confessor's time by Heroldus—I suppose the king Harold—which extended into Bradenham, where was half a carucate of land and one plough; and under him eight socmen, occupying half a carucate of land, and always one plough-land; wood for keep of twenty swine, and four acres of meadow. To this also belonged beruites (or hamlets) in Pickenham, Cressingham, Cressingham Parva, and Caldecot.

Acre had been held by king Harold, and as much as three carucates of land in Necton was considered a beruite to it, all enumerated in the possessions of Ralf de Toenio; and under Carbrook, three more carucates of land in Necton were held by him as a beruite. To the manor of Necton I shall recur hereafter.

Resuming the notice of *Osmund*: It appears to have been considered that the person of that name who held the land in Bradenham under William de Warrenne was the same who was called Osmund de Cailly or Kailli, and in 1087 held this property; but there is no evidence of such identity. Osmund de Kailli is said to have died in 18th Henry I., 1118, and to have been succeeded by another Osmund, his son and heir; the last-named Osmund to have died in 1163; whereupon John, his son and heir, succeeded. This John built a manor house upon land in Bradenham, now called the Hall Pastures—surrounded by a deep moat—the foundations of which were visible in 1759 and 1760, and stone-work dug out. The area within the moat, containing about half an acre, was in 1777 and succeeding years planted with Scotch and other fir trees; and forest trees have been since added. John de Cailly died in 1207, Ao. 8 John, and in the following year a fine was levied between Adam de Kailli, son and heir of John, petent, and Michael de Ponyng and Margery his wife, tenants, of the dower of Margery, from John de Kailli her first husband.<sup>3</sup> And in the 12th Henry III., by another fine, an arrangement was confirmed between Adam de Kailli, querent, and Margery, widow of John, defendant, about waste made in the dower of Margery in the wood of Bradeham, she being only entitled to reasonable estover of house bote, hedge bote, and fire bote, to be under the superintendence of the forester of Sir Adam; and it was agreed that if she required wood to repair her houses she might have it. From this record it appears there was a park full of wood, and several woods about the park; and Sir Adam then held the patronage and right of presentation to the church and rectory of West Bradenham.

Upon the death of Sir Adam Cailly in 1262, Sir Osbert Cailly was found to be his eldest son and heir. In 1284, Ao. 12 Edward I., he made an addition to the mansion house, and

<sup>1</sup> Here Blomefield has made another mistake: he read, modo W. (viz., William de Warren) p man' (*pro manerio*) as William de *Maneriis*.—vi. 112.

<sup>2</sup> Of Ralf de Toeni, alias de Conchis, his deeds, antecedents, and immediate descendants, see my printed *Materials for the History of the Hundred of Launditch*, Part I., p. 87 et seq.

<sup>3</sup> In this was included the *Park* of Bradenham and the *Old Fosse*.

soon afterwards presented his brother Thomas Cailly to the rectory of West Bradenham, of which he continued incumbent until his death in 1318,<sup>1</sup> and was buried in the chancel of the church.

In 1286 the claim of Sir Osbert, as lord of the manor, was allowed for free warren, assize of bread and beer, view of frankpledge, waifs, estrays, and other royalties. He died 29th Edward I., 1301.

Sir Thomas Cailli, son and heir of Sir Osbert, by Emme his wife, eldest sister and coheir to Robert de Tateshall of Buckenham Castle, succeeded as lord of this manor. He attended King Edward I. in his wars in Scotland, during which Roger de Clifton was his esquire, and by his conduct and services gained such favour that Sir Thomas gave his sister Margaret to him in marriage. He was summoned to Parliament in 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Edward II.; but died in the 10th year of that reign without issue.<sup>2</sup>

Sir Thomas Cailli had in 1315 settled this manor (excepting the advowson of the rectory) upon Michael de Cailli, his nephew, for life; remainder in fee to Adam de Clifton, son of his said sister Margaret, the wife of Roger. Joan, the widow of Sir Adam de Cailli the grandfather, was still living, and held one-third for life in right of her dower, being then wife of Sir William de Wasteney, Knt.

Upon the death of Sir Thomas, in 1316, Michael de Cailli the nephew became entitled for life under the settlement before mentioned, and died in 1320; whereupon Sir Adam de Clifton succeeded to the possession in fee.

In 1337 Sir Adam de Clifton purchased the small manor called Plais,<sup>3</sup> in West Bradenham, and united it to the capital manor, of which it thus became a member. This was held of the Earl of Pembroke as of his Castle of Acre, by the service of a quarter of a knight's fee. Shortly after this purchase Sir Adam settled the united manors for the benefit of himself and Eleanor his wife, daughter of Sir Robert Mortimer of Attleborough, who died in 1366, and had two sons, Constantine his eldest, who died before him, and Sir Adam de Clifton, Knt., his second son. The advowson of the rectory of West Bradenham was given by Sir Adam de Clifton to the Priory of St. James of Buckenham;<sup>4</sup> and on 27th April, 1380, that church was appropriated to the prior and convent by Henry, Bishop of Norwich, reserving to the Bishop an annual pension of ten shillings, who ordained a vicarage (of which he retained the nomination) of the value of ten marks; and to the Cathedral Church of Norwich an annual pension of 30s. 4d. Sir Adam de Clifton, as heir of the Tateshalls, had Buckenham Castle and the patronage of the Priory. Upon his death, Sir John Clifton, Knt., his grandson, was found his heir; and in 1373 had livery of all his lands. He was son of the said Constantine by Katherine his wife, daughter of William de la Pole.

<sup>1</sup> R. commisit Walt'o de Norwyco custodiam castri de Bokēham cum pert' in com' Norff. et omnium terrarum et ten' in Tybenham Denton et Topcroft cum pertin' in com' prædicto que fuerunt Thome de Caylly def. . . . . hend. usque ad legitimum etatam heredis, &c.—*Abbrev. Rot. Orig.* (19<sup>o</sup> Edward II.) page 291.

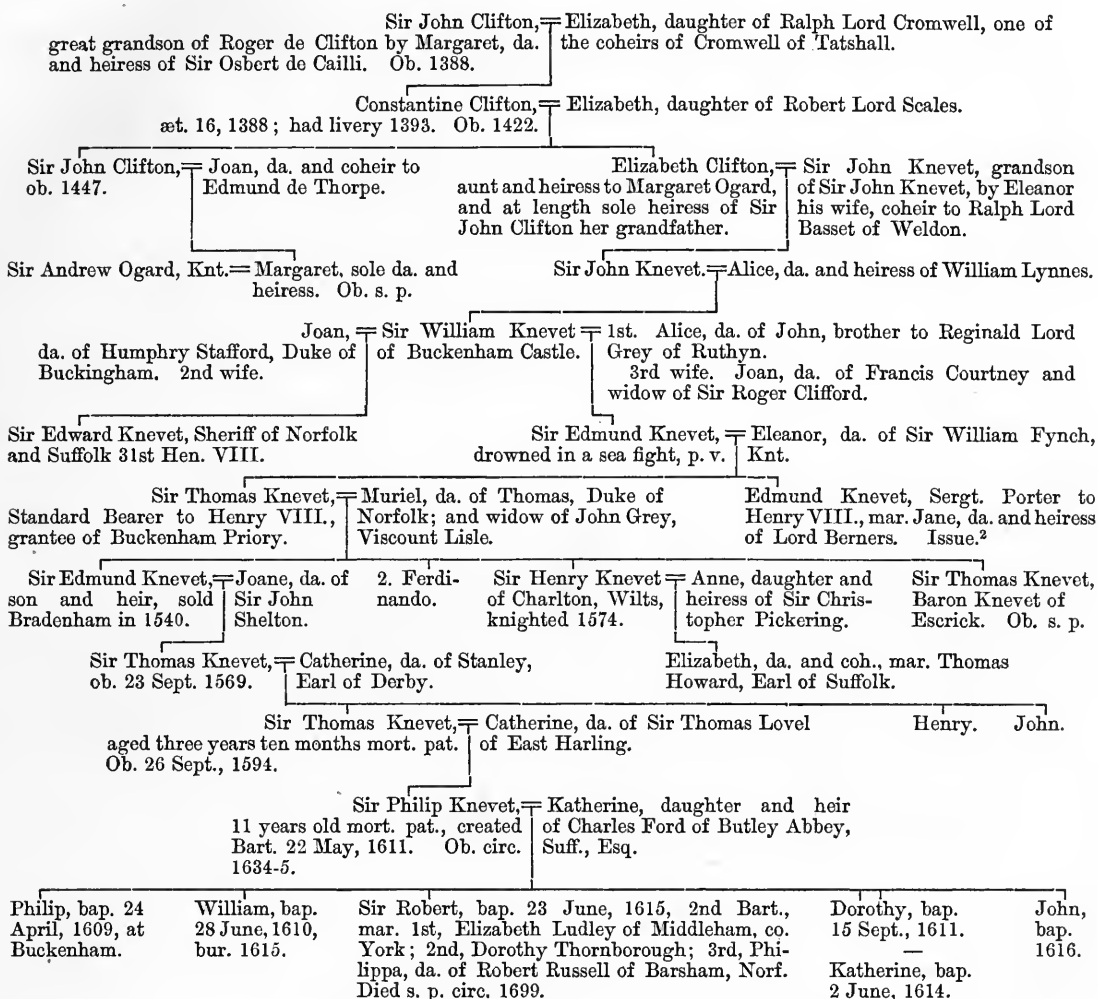
<sup>2</sup> Blomefield, who supposed him to have been the son of Sir Thomas Cailli.

<sup>3</sup> This was held in 31st Edward I., 1302, by Sir Giles de Plais; and in 1323 by Sir Richard de Plais.

<sup>4</sup> It seems to have been first appropriated to the priory in 1377 without a vicarage.

Sir Adam Clifton, Knt., second son of Sir Adam the grandfather, died 1411, leaving Sir Robert Clifton, Knt., his son and heir, Sheriff of Norfolk in 1412, who died 1442, and was buried in Buckenham Priory, as was Alice his widow in 1455, having been predeceased by Thomas Clifton, Esq., their son and heir, who died in 1452, leaving a widow, Joan, living in 1462. The descent of the Buckenham estate to the Knevetts is shewn by the subjoined Pedigree taken from Banks.<sup>1</sup>

## PEDIGREE OF CLIFTON CONTINUED IN KNEVET.



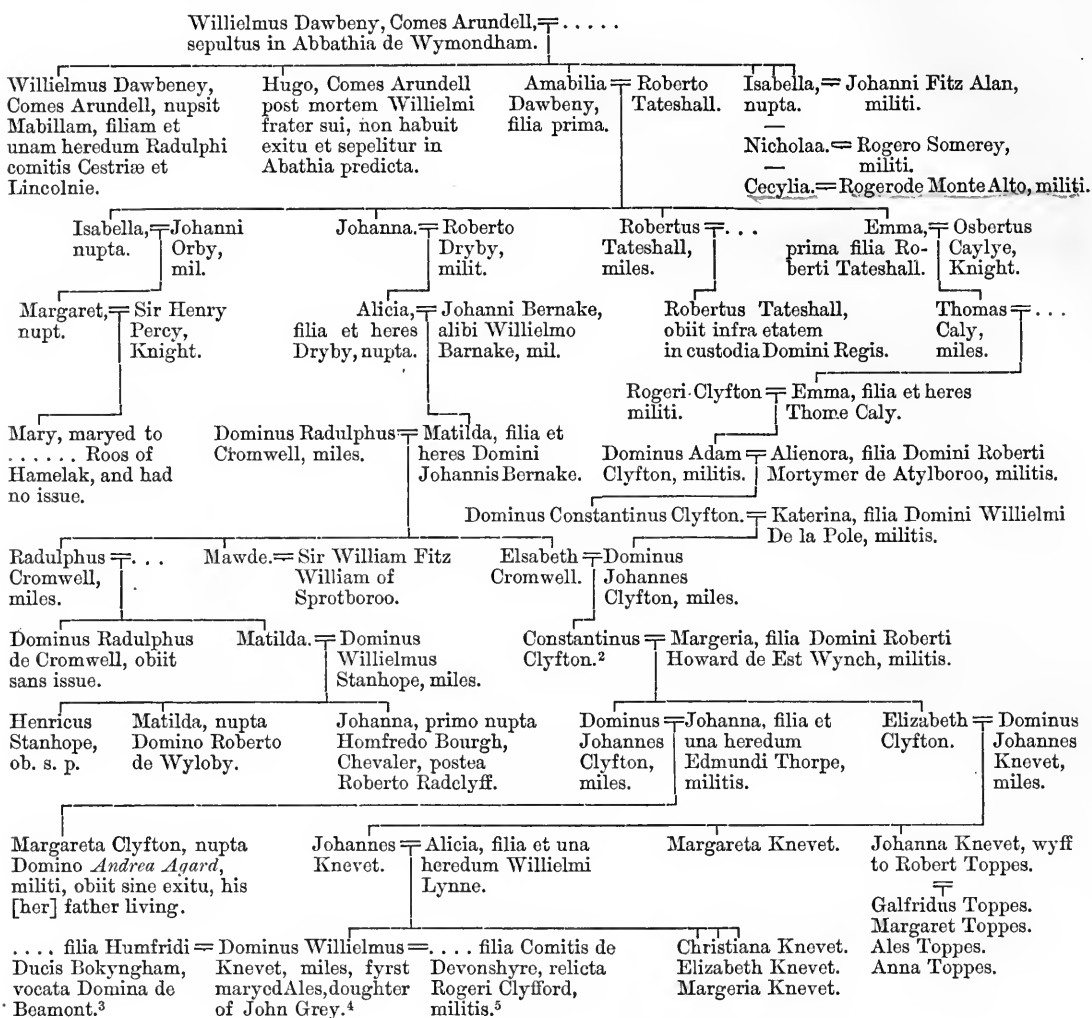
*Arms of Knevet*: Argent, a bend and bordure engrailed sable.

<sup>1</sup> *Bar. Angl.*, p. 158.

<sup>2</sup> From Edmund Knevet, or Knyvet, of Ashwellthorpe in Norfolk, by Jane Bouchier his wife, through Elizabeth, daughter of John Knyvet, Esq., of Norwich, wife of Henry Wilson, Esq., of Didlington, Norfolk, was descended Robert Wilson of Didlington, Esq., in whose favour the abeyance of the Barony of Berners was terminated in 1832.

The following is from the *Visitation of Yorkshire*, 1563-4, published by the Harleian Society.<sup>1</sup>

### KNEVET.



<sup>1</sup> Although only in part a repetition of the Pedigree of Clifton (which I have given before, taken from other sources), I repeat it, because Sir Andrew Ogard, the husband of the heiress, is called *Agard*, which is possibly the same as Haggard.

<sup>2</sup> Banks, as has been seen in the preceding Pedigree, on the authority of Blomefield, who is seldom incorrect, makes the wife of this Constantine Clyfton to have been *Elizabeth*, daughter of Robert Lord Seales; and Margaret Howard appears to have been her mother.

<sup>3</sup> "Lady Jane Stafford (the divorced wife of William, Lord Beaumont, who died s. p. 1507) had issue, Edward, Charles, Joan, Anne, and Elizabeth."

<sup>4</sup> "Alice was daughter of Reginald, Lord Grey of Ruthyn, by Joane Astley, his second wife, and mother of Edmund, whose son Thomas, K.B., was slain at sea 12th August, 1512, near Brest, as Captain of the "Regent," leaving issue by his wife Muriel, daughter of the second Duke of Norfolk, from whom descend Viscount Falkland, the Earls of Carlisle, Suffolk, and Berkshire, the Marquesses of Salisbury and Exeter, and the Dukes of Bedford, Rutland, Devonshire, and Newcastle."—See *Visitation*, 1584, p. 121.

<sup>5</sup> "Lady Joan Courteney, coheiress to Thomas, fifth Earl of Devon, by Margaret Beaufort, widow of Sir Robert Clifford (beheaded 1485), had a son, Charles Clifford, who married Anne, daughter of Sir William Knyvet, by Joan Stafford." The *Visitation of Norfolk*, 1563, does not give her marriage with Sir William, whose will is printed by Nicolas in *Testamenta Vetusta*.

Sir John Clifton was summoned to Parliament from the 50th Edward III. to the 12th Richard II., 1388, in which latter year he died, on St. Lawrence's Day, at Rhodes, seized of Buckenham Castle and manors, and those of Hilborough, West Bradenham, and Cranwich; leaving, by Elizabeth his wife, daughter and coheir of Ralf Lord Cromwell, Constantine his son and heir, then sixteen years old.

Sir Constantine de Clifton was of full age and had livery of his inheritance in 1393; and in that and the following year was summoned to Parliament. He married Katharine, the daughter of Robert Lord Scales, by Margaret, daughter of Robert Howard of East Winch, who survived him, and held those manors in dower until 1432, when she died. In 3rd Henry IV., 1401, Margaret de Clifton, sister of the late Sir John Clifton and aunt of Sir Constantine, deceased, was found to hold in Bradenham the fifth part of one knight's fee of the Earl of March; which, upon her death, reverted to the capital manor.

Upon the death of Katherine, the widow of Sir Constantine the grandfather, in 1432, Sir John Clifton, their son and heir, became seized in possession of Bradenham. By his will, dated 6th August, 1447, proved 8th September following, he gave it with his other estates to remain in the hands of Joan his wife, John Heydon, John Brigge, and Thomas Wete, his executors, for twelve years, and then to revert to his right heirs.<sup>1</sup> He mentions his beloved son Sir Andrew Ogard, Knt. Joan his wife, was a daughter and coheir of Sir Edmund de Thorpe, Knt., the younger, of Ashwellthorpe, and widow of Sir Robert Erpingham. They had only one child, a daughter, Margaret Clifton, married to Sir Andrew Ogard, Knt., of the Rye in Herts and of Buckenham Castle, and she had died issueless in her father's lifetime. He, Sir John Clifton, was, according to directions contained in his will, buried in the church of St. Mary at Windham (Wymondham Priory.)

Sir Andrew Ogard died in 1454, leaving a son Henry aged four years, when the right heir of Sir John Clifton was found to be Elizabeth his sister, wife of Sir John Knevet; and in 1459, upon the expiration of the twelve years' term, they—Knevet and wife—came into possession of the Clifton inheritance. In 1478 Sir John Knevet purchased Toeni's Manor, before mentioned, which was held by the fifth part of a knight's fee of the Earl of Gloucester.

This is called in Blomefield *Bradenham's Manor*, because in 24th Henry III. it was held by William de Bradenham, son of Simon, who had it in the reign of King John. However, in the 20th of Edward III., 1346, the heirs of William de Brigham and the heirs of Thomas de Woodhyrde held it, and in 1461 Sir Thomas Tudenham died seized of it, by whose heir it was sold in 1478 to Sir John Knyvet, and it thus became a member of the capital manor. The inquisition post mortem of Sir John Knyvet in 1489<sup>2</sup> found that Sir William Knyvet his son was his heir, who died seized in 1516. He had been attainted in the first year of Richard III., but was afterwards restored.

<sup>1</sup> Other directions and clauses of the will are given in Blomefield.

<sup>2</sup> Joh'es Knyvet tenuit maner' de Westbradenham de comite Arundell ut de castro suo de Castleacre per servic' militar. Willus Knyvet miles est filius et hæres.—Esc. Ao. 5th Henry VII.

In the 8th Henry VIII., Sir Edmund Knyvet, eldest son and heir of Sir Thomas Knyvet, (who was eldest son of Edmund Knyvet, drowned in a sea fight in the lifetime of Sir William his father), was found to be seized in fee of the manor or manors as heir-at-law of the said Sir William his great-grandfather; and by him, in 1540, the manor of West Bradenham with the members was sold to William Rede for £580, and by an indenture dated 6th April, Ao. 32nd Henry VIII., 1540, and made between Sir John Alyn, Knt., citizen and alderman of London, (who I presume was a trustee) and Sir Edward Knyvet of Old Buckenham, Knt., of the one part, and William Rede, citizen and mercer of London, of the other part, the same was conveyed to the use of said William Rede and Ann<sup>1</sup> his wife, and his heirs, with a covenant from Sir Edward Knyvet and Ann his wife to levy a fine. William Rede died seized in 1542, leaving Ann his widow surviving, who afterwards married Sir Thomas Gresham, having surrendered and released her life estate to William Rede her son.

William Rede, afterwards knighted, thus became lord, and died seized in 1578, having survived his mother, Lady Gresham, only one year. He was succeeded by Sir William Rede of Massingham, his son and heir. Upon his marriage with Gertrude, his first wife, daughter of Erasmus Paston, Esq., he settled the estates upon their issue in tail, with remainder in fee in himself. There was issue of this marriage one son, Thomas, who succeeded accordingly. Sir William's second wife, Mary, in 15th James I., remarried Sir Edward Spencer, Knt., and had issue one daughter, Anne, who married Sir Michael Stanhope of Sudbourne, Suffolk, and had issue three daughters, Elizabeth, Anne, and Bridget; and, surviving Sir Michael, married secondly Sir William Wythypole of Ipswich, Knt.

Sir William Rede died in 1621, and Sir Thomas Rede the son in 1627, having married Mildred, the second daughter of Thomas Cecil, Earl of Salisbury, but without issue.

Whereupon Sir William Wythypole, in right of his wife Anne, daughter and heir of the last Sir William Rede, became lord of this manor, &c. But she died in 1647, having had by Sir Michael Stanhope, her first husband, three daughters, (1) Elizabeth, wife of Leicester Devereux, Esq., second son of Walter Viscount Hereford; (2) Anne, wife of Robert Yallop, Esq.; and (3) Bridget, wife of George Fielding, Earl of Desmond, who inherited as coheiresses.

In 1653 George, Earl of Desmond, purchased the third part of Yallop and wife, and afterwards the Viscount Hereford purchased the two third parts of the Earl and Countess of Desmond and of Robert and Anne Yallop, and so, having the other third in right of his Lady, Elizabeth, became possessed of the entirety, and held his first court as such on 25th October, Ao. 12th Charles II., 1660, and soon afterwards he and Elizabeth sold and conveyed it to Henry Warner of Wormhill Hall in Mildenhall, Suffolk, Esq., who held his first court 2nd November, 1665.

In 1683 the manor and estate were purchased from Mr. Warner by Samuel Thomson,

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<sup>1</sup> She was daughter of William Fearnly of Creeting, Suffolk.



Esq., of Osterley Park, co. Middlesex. The conveyance from Henry Warner and Dorothy his wife is dated 19th and 20th March, 1683. Mr. Thomson held his first court 5th April, 1684.

Samuel Thomson married Sarah, widow of Henry Powell, citizen of London, and was knighted before 1689. He died in 1691, and under the terms of a settlement made by Sir Samuel, dated 26th February, 1690, upon the marriage of Robert Thomson, his third son, with Susanna, daughter of Margaret Brown, Robert succeeded to this property upon his father's death, and held his first court 22nd April, 1691. His will is dated 9th March, 1712, and was proved 14th February, 1716-17. Susanna Thomson, his widow, who under the settlement before mentioned was tenant for life, held her first court 6th November, 1717. By her Robert left issue two daughters, Margaret and Susanna. Margaret, the eldest, married Anthony Burward, Gentleman, the settlement bearing date 10th August, 1716, and died in 1725. The other daughter, Susanna, died unmarried also in 1725, surviving but a short time her sister, Mrs. Burward; and Susanna the mother dying in 1726, Anthony Burward, as guardian of his daughter Anne, the only issue of the said Margaret his wife, held the court for the manor. But Anne dying in February, 1739, under age and unmarried, William Thomson, Esq., of Bradfield in the county of Berks, inherited as great-grandson and heir-at-law of Sir Samuel Thomson aforesaid, viz., as eldest son and heir of Samuel Thomson, Esq., who was the only son and heir of William Thomson, Esq., who was the eldest son and heir of the said Sir Samuel, and held his first court 6th March, 1740. The will of William Thomson is dated 4th July, 1745.

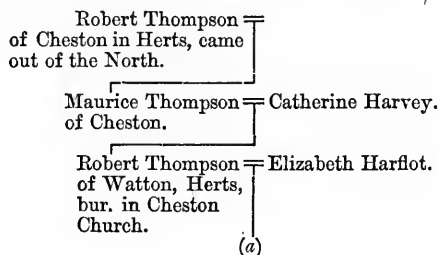
In 1753 the estate was sold under a decree of the Court of Chancery, and James Smyth, Solicitor, of East Dereham, the purchaser, having been let into possession, held his first court for the manor in August in that year, but the conveyance was not completed till May, 1756.

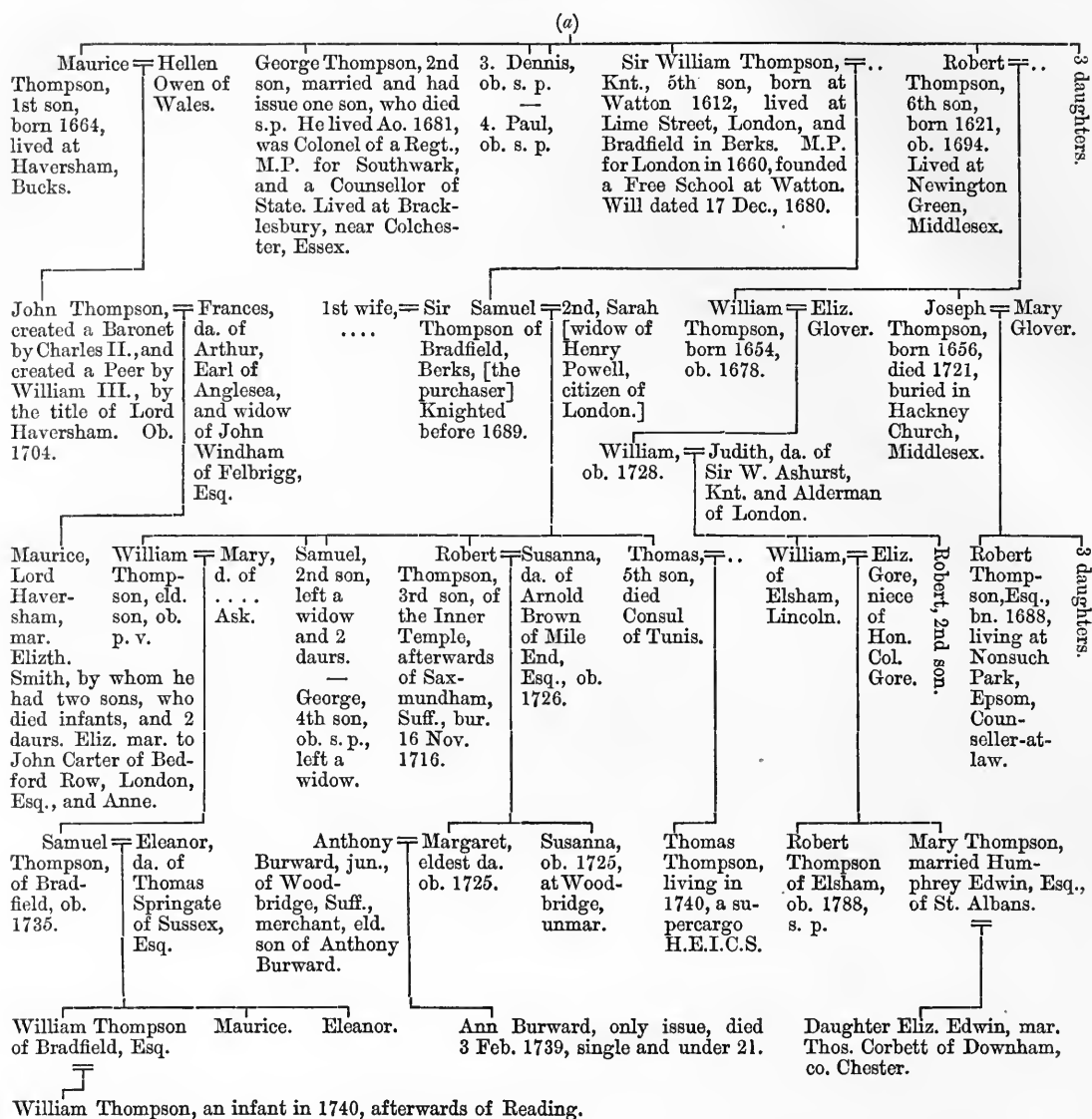
The Pedigree of the Thomson family, from which the following is copied, was supplied to Mr. Smyth by Joseph Thomson, Esq., of Nonsuch Park, Epsom.

#### PEDIGREE OF THOMSON, OR THOMPSON.

*Arms*: Or, a fess dancette and canton azure; on the former three estoiles argent; on the latter a sun in his splendour.

*Crest*: On a wreath a dexter arm couped at the elbow and erect, habited gules, turned down argent, the hand proper, holding four ears of wheat or.





The settlement on the marriage of Robert Thomson and Susanna, daughter of Margaret Brown, is dated 26th February, 1690. His will is dated 9th March, 1712, and was proved 4th February, 1716, o. s. The will of William Thomson is dated 4th July, 1745.

In the years 1766 and immediately preceding, Mr. Smyth built the present mansion, about two furlongs to the north of the site of the ancient manor-house. He had in 1768 built the farm-house called the Manor Farm, and probably in 1756 the barn in *Plais Wood*, now the Wood Close. He also built on the farm north of the great wood, in 1775, the

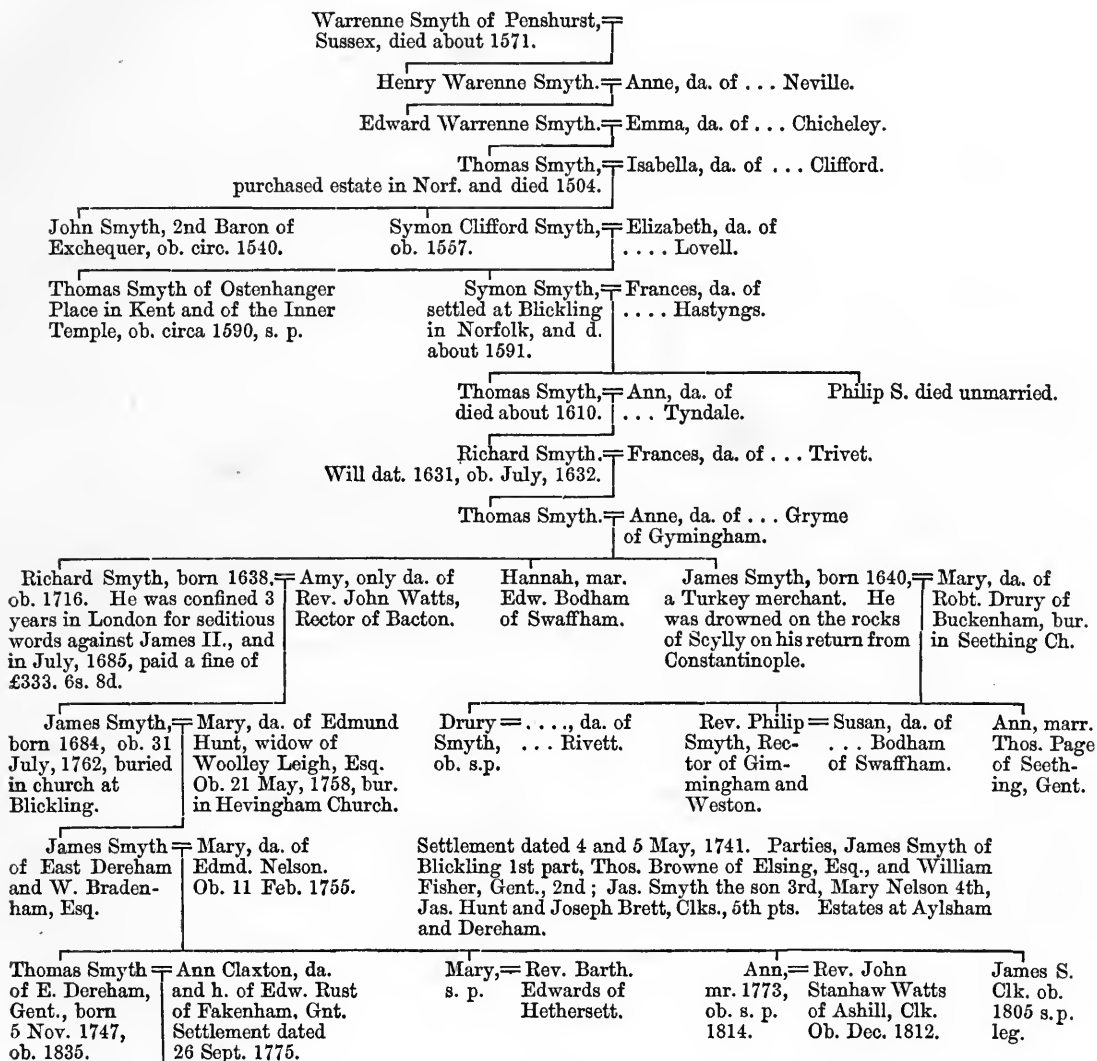
barn, &c., and in 1788, the dwelling-house there. He died in the year 1800, having by his will, dated 25th September, 1789, therein styled Esquire, being a county magistrate, devised his manors and estates to his son Thomas Smyth. Proved 18th July, 1806.

## A PEDIGREE OF SMYTH,

Derived from the papers of the late James Smyth, Esq., is as follows:—

*Arms* : Azure, a chevron engrailed between three lions passant guardant or.

*Crest* : A panther's head (side faced) argent, spotted and collared and chained or. But as used by the family : Argent, the head spotted sable, on a collar of the last three bezants and a chain or.



(a)								
Ann, bn. 11 Dec. 1776, marr. Rev. Saml. Boycott or Clk.	Frances Marie, bn. 7 Feb. 1780, marr. Edmund Preston, Esq. of Gt. Yarmouth. Settlemt. dated 4 Sept. 1807.	Harriet, b. 2 Sep. 1781. — Elizabeth, bn. 4 Feb. 1782, died inf.	Louiza, born 2 June, 1784.	Amelia, born 24 June, 1785.	James, born 9 Nov. 1787, unmar.	Elizabeth, born 28 Oct. 1790.	Edward, born 22 May, 1793, married 14 Oct. 1813.	Elizabeth Sparke Bidwell, da. of Woodward Bid- well, Esq. of Horringer, Suff. ob. 11 Dec. 1865.
James, ob. inf.		Rev. Wm. Gilbert Tuck, Clk.= Anne Elizabeth, mar. 5 May, 1839, at Horringer. born 15 July, 1814.					Mabilla, ob. inf.	

### “WEST BRADDENHAM” MANOR.

The custom of this manor is *BOROUGH ENGLISH*, which is that the *youngest son* shall inherit the estate in preference to all his elder brothers, as appears by the several admissions referred to.

The admission of a younger brother as heir-at-law of a brother said to be according to the custom of the manor: this in 1735 by Mr. Crowe the then steward; but as no prior admissions appear in the books of a younger brother being heir-at-law of a brother according to the custom of the manor, I do not think this admission in 1735 sufficient to warrant or establish the custom, but was done by him without having made reference to the older books.—[Note on first fly-leaf of earliest Court Book by Thomas Smyth.]

The earliest entry of court is that of *CURIA GENERALIS CUM LETA*, *ibm* tent. 13th October, Ao. R. Caroli, d. g., &c., 1<sup>mo</sup>. There were six *essoigns*, including names of John Stolworthy and David Jorden. Twelve chief pledges were present, amongst whom were *Willms Monshaw* and *Franciscus Nelson*. The homage of the Court Baron also consisted of twelve jurors, including the names of *John Monshaw* and *Francis Nelson*. Amongst the minutes of proceedings at the Court Baron is a surrender of copyhold from Thomas *Rudd* to the use of Thomas Sancroft or Sandcroft.

At the court leet Thomas Pinchin was fined that he had not scoured out the water-course at *Stowbridge*; Peter Osborn for a like default at *Pynnes Faldgate*; and the tenant of the *Tenement Priorat*<sup>2</sup> for the like at the ditch at the Park way leading towards the south of the town to the street there.

The tenant of [Robert] *Futter*, Gent., for permitting boughs to overhang the highway leading from Bradenham to Dereham, was ordered to cut them before the Feast of the

<sup>1</sup> From the name of this gentleman's grandson, who has been resident in Ireland and subjected to much ill treatment, a new word has been introduced into our language.

<sup>2</sup> The Priory Tenement I take to be of Bokenham Priory, or Bokenham Hall.

Nativity, under a penalty of 10s. 6d., as were the servants of Thomas Davey, genl, for a like default in the way leading from *le church stile* to Hand Pytt Close.

It was also presented that Peter Purland *messuit abies angl furses* [furze] in the common pasture of West Bradtenham, where he ought not, which he was ordered not to do again under a penalty of 10s.

Robert Futter, Gent., Francis Nelson, John Munshaw, Thomas Munshaw, and others, were named as making default in their fealty.

In the entry of the court on 14th February, Ao. 2nd Car. I., Charles Suckling is named as steward.

A surrender is entered from John Armstronge of a cottage in the occupation of Robert Rumpe.

*Robert Davy*, Gent., acknowledged free tenure of a close with a grove containing eighteen acres, called *Overshorte Wood*, otherwise *Covyn Close*, in West Bradtenham.

After the death of John *Monshaw*, Thomas *Monshaw* his son was admitted under the will, dated 18th January, 1625, devising lands named *Long Pightle*, and lands in *Parke Field* in West Bradtenham, and (inter alia) to five acres of the tenement *Myles* which said John had at the first court of Dame *Anne Gresham*, on 25th August, Ao. 22nd Elizabeth; also to divers other pieces in the fields of West Bradtenham, with a quarentine called *le Parke*. And *Joan Monshaw*, widow of John, acknowledged tenure in soccage of freehold lands and tenements.

The death of *Francis Nelson* was found, who had surrendered to the use of his will, dated 5th December last, devising real estate in West Bradtenham and Necton to his son Robert Nelson, who was admitted to a messuage, &c., late of *George Munshaw*; a tenement late of *Robert Vincent*, and another tenement void called *Berreyes*, which was subject to a payment of 4d. *ad Turnum Vic. Norff.*, late of *Agnes Ollyver*, widow.

At the court lete Thomas Fenn was fined, that he had not properly fenced against the highway at *Giffard's Close*.

Robert Dun, that he had not repaired the bridge in the footway leading to the land of *Paul Mason*.

The tenant of *Priory Close*, for not keeping up the fence against the common pasture.

Henry Pettit, that he had not scoured the ditch against *Barker's Lane*.

Matthew Hoggitt, that he had not maintained sufficient "*cluniacem (Angl. a stile)* apud bridges."

At the next court, 24th October, Ao. 3rd Car. I. (1627), is presented a surrender on the 1st inst. by Thomas Monshaw to the use of Robert Dunn of a pightle in *Parkefield* absolutely; also a conditional surrender to Thomas *Sandroft*, dwelling in Carbrook.

The presentments at the lete were:—that Henry Pettit had ploughed the footpath in *Barker's* leading from the *West End* to the church; that the tenant of the close *voc. le Priory* had not scoured the ditch next the wood.

The tenant of Long Close had not fied out the ditch next the footpath leading from Bradtenham to Deareham.

Two persons were chosen constables, and sworn in.

The defaulting suitors include the names of *Thomas Cory*, Gent., *Robert Nelson*, and *Thomas Futter*, Gent.

The names of defaulting resiants include those of *Erasmus Cory*, *John Usher*, *Edw. Corye*, *Fra. Huggon*.

Of a court "that Mr. Underwood kept" in October, Ao. 4th Car. (1628) no proceedings are entered.

At a court held 22nd February, Ao. 6th Car., A.D. 1630, John Rudd was admitted to land lying in *Snape* between vicarage lands on both sides, on surrender of *Thomas Jaques*, before of *Thos. Monshaw* and *Robert Nelson*; on surrender of *Thomas Monshaw* to land in the quarentine called *le Parke*.

The bailiff was commanded before the next court to place doles (*dolas*) between land of *David Jorden* and of *John Garrard* in *Bedscroft*, and between the tenements of *John Eastrowe* and *Fra<sup>s</sup>. Huggon*, also between two others.

*Thomas Jaques* was admitted as brother and next heir (not called youngest brother) of *Robert Jaques*, deceased, to a messuage next *Lyngs Yard* and of the tenement *Baggs*.

*Matthew Higgett* was fined for having obstructed a common footpath in Churchfield, and also for not sufficiently maintaining *cluniacem* between lands called *Birds* and *Crowesoes*.

*John Lawes* and *John Usher*, that they had not scoured the watercourse between lands at *Linge-ards*; and the tenant of *Paul Mason*, for not having scoured the ditch next the highway from Bradenham to Deareham; also the same for having received into his house as *extra hur*<sup>1</sup> a mare of the price of 13s. 4d., and a colt of the price of 5s., taken within the lordship by the bailiff of the manor about the Festival of St. Martin.

*Robt. Futter*, Gent., *Wantworth Bradbury*, Gent., *Robt. Davy*, Gent., *Robert Nelson*, and other resiants, were fined as defaulters.

At the court on 19th October, Ao. 7th Car. (1631), *William Monshaw*, youngest son of *John Monshaw*, deceased, was admitted under his will, dated 28th January, 1625, giving a dwelling-house and lands which testator held by copy to him said *William* in fee, subject to payment to daughter *Ann*. The premises consisted of a messuage and two acres, and some small pieces. Mention made of tenement *Wagarde* at *Brighills*, *Lound's Meadow*, &c.; and at court of *Sir William Read*, Knt., 8th August, 15th Jac. I., *Joan*, testator's widow, had died since last court.

A surrender presented from *Thomas Monshaw* of cottage and purpresture late of *John* his father.

*John Garrord* admitted under will of *Henry* his father to messuage called *Hills*, parcel of messuage called *Warnes*, and lands in *Betts Croft* late of *William Monshaw*; and *John Garrord* had license to demise.

*Robert Dunn* was admitted on surrender of *Thomas Monshaw* to lands in *Park Field*.

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<sup>1</sup> In margin, "Extra hure."

## Fines by Court Lete.

A tenant, for not having scoured the common watercourse opposite the tenement late *Rambals*.

The tenant of the late *Mrs. Futter*, for permitting boughs of trees to overhang common footpath leading from West Bradenham to East Dereham, which he was ordered to amend before Christmas.

*Maria Estrow*, widow, for not scouring ditch at the end of Church Close.

Amongst the defaulters using suit of court are the names of *Thomas Forby*, *W. Skarlet*, &c.

A space is here left for entering "the cort *Mr. Tilles* kept," but no entry made.

At court 30th September, Ao. 12th Car., 1636. Present twelve capital pledges, eight homage.

An order given to the homage before the next Feast of the Nativity to put a *dole* between lands of *Thomas Smyth* and *Edward Panke*, also one between the Vicarage land and land of *Robert Dun*, and another between Vicarage land and land of *William Munshaw*.

*William Munshaw* made divers fealties for messuage and buildings called *Brydes*, a close called *le Pound Close*, and other premises held in free soccage, which he purchased of *John Crowe*, as appeared by deed produced in court, dated 30th June in that year.

*Peter Dun* was fined for not keeping a copyhold tenement in sufficient repair.

It is recorded, on the voluntary confession of *William Munshaw* in court, that the lords of the manor and all persons who have any estate in the manor for themselves, their several tenants and assigns, and the tenants of the manor, free and copy, from time whereof the memory went not to the contrary, were accustomed at all times, at their pleasure, with horses, carriages, &c., to use a certain way over certain lands copyhold of the manor, lying in Church Field in West Bradenham, between demesne lands of the manor and land of *Robert Dun*, sen., which way said *William* had ploughed over, but promised before the whole homage to restore to its former state. "Et qd. *Maria vxor Francisci Hogan*<sup>1</sup> de West Braddenham, laborer, est comunis objugatrix et comunitur objurgavit cum vicinis et aliis lejeis dni R nunc, post ultima leta hic tent per diversas vices contra pacem dni R nunc, et in matrum exemplum aliis: ideo consideratum est per curiam quod predicta *Maria* submersasa (*Anglice, be ducked*) a comunem le *cuckstoole* infra precinct ist lete secundem legem huius regni Anglie," &c.

At court 30th September, 13 Car., 1637. *Hester Church*, widow, was admitted for life under will of *William Church* her late husband, to land in *Bett's Croft* and land in *Lynham Field* and *Hilfield* in West Bradenham and *Hale*, late of *William Jakes*, and paid a fine for suit of court, being respited for one year.

The death of *Robert Palfryman* was recited, and that *John Palfryman* was *youngest son and heir* according to the custom of the manor, about seven years of age; and the same *John* being present in court was admitted to land of the tenement *Myks* and of the tenement *Baggs*: *Ann*, wife of *Richard Yongs*, relict of said *Robert Palfryman*, being appointed guardian during the minority.

Upon the death of *Thomas Sandcroft*, *William Sandcroft*, one of his sons, was admitted under a devise in fee of all real estate in West Bradenham, contained in will dated 26th March, 1637, to copyhold, consisting of land in *Lyngham Field*, late of *John Garrord*, a tenement called *Bird's*, and other lands; and did fealty for pasture lands which said *Thomas* purchased of *Nicholas Moy* in 1622.

The homage were ordered to place two doles between lands of *Robert Dun* and of *William Monshaw*, next the road leading from *Dereham* to *Swaffham*; also two doles between land of *Robert Nelson* in *Parkefield* and the pightle of *Robert Dun* adjoining.

*Thomas Fletcher* and *Anne* his wife were admitted on surrender of *Thomas Smyth* and *John Colyer* to

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<sup>1</sup> I cannot imagine that this *Francis Hogan* was in any way connected with the family of the *Hogans* of East Bradenham, lords of that manor.

land called *Mordick's Yard*, and William Monshaw, sen., to land in *Hunt's Field*, on surrender of Thomas Garrord.

A conditional surrender was presented, passed by *Robert Nelson* on 1st April preceding, of a tenement void called *Berry's*, before of *Francis Nelson* his father.

Thomas Fenn was chosen for the office of sub-constable of West Bradenham, and sworn in accordingly.

John *Stalworthy* was presented for having permitted his copyhold tenement to become ruinous and defective, which he was ordered to repair and amend before Michaelmas, under penalty.

At court 14th November, Ao. 14th Car. 1638, Robert Dunn was admitted on surrender of Thomas Rudd and Elizabeth his wife to tenement void called *Wright's*, and triangular parcel of meadow next *Long Meadow*.

The death of Robert Rud having been presented, and that Henry Rud was his *youngest son and customary heir*, the said Henry was admitted to a tenement built, and one rood of the tenement *Oswyhs*, which said Robert took as heir of Edward Rud his father in Ao. 11th Jac.; and immediately afterwards same Henry, and Katherine the widow and relict of said Robert, gave the court to understand that said Robert, upon his deathbed, willed said Katherine to have the premises for her life, with remainder to Henry in fee upon certain conditions; and therefore he (Henry) in court, surrendered to the use of Katherine, for life, in performance of his father's will.

At court 15th January, 14th Car., 1639. After death of Richard Wright, Suzan, wife of John Eaton, was admitted as only daughter and heir to cottage and land.

William *Monshaw*, jun., acknowledged free tenure of land purchased of Will<sup>m</sup>. Monshaw, sen.

After death of Thomas *Trundle*, Ann Trundle his widow was, under his will dated 20th April, 1606, admitted for life to 4½ acres of land *apud le Field gate*, and three pieces near *Cockbush*, and to 5½ acres with a messuage thereon of the tenement *Ade* and *Eshes*, had on surrender of *Paul Mason*, 14th January, Ao. 14th Jac., with a small house near the lord's *park*, late Carman's. And she also did fealty for a tenement built called *Marches*, which said Thomas and Anne took on surrender of Robt. Boxe and wife, Ao. 43rd Elizabeth; and said Anne was admitted on surrender of Hester Church to land in Hale, and to two pieces in *Lingham Feild* and *Hilfeild* in West Bradenham and Hale.

And said Anne, at same time, did fealty for an inclosure which her s<sup>d</sup>. husband purchased of William Blossie and Tomazina his wife 26th October, Ao. 10th Jac.; and a piece of inclosed land, the boundaries of which are mentioned, naming a messuage called *Gilbert's*, and a footpath called *Watton Market Path*, purchased of Edward Smyth 5th December, Ao. 2nd Car., and held in soccage.

The tenant of *Robert Nelson* was amerced 6d. that he had cut wood growing upon the ditch of the lord of the manor, called *Barker's*, several times, and warned against a repetition under penalty of 10s.

Thomas Garrord had incurred a penalty of 20s. for not having yet repaired the tenement which he inhabited.

At court 10th April, 16th Car., 1640, "M<sup>d</sup>. due ptes in tres divisi omnium pquisit hujus et px cur solut' fuer' m<sup>ro</sup> Robto Yallop et resid' m<sup>ro</sup> Leonard Woolly."

John Lanthorne of Westacre, yeoman, was admitted under forfeited surrender of Robert Nelson to land of tenement *Grubb's*, and a tenement void called *Berry's*, and to one acre which was subject to the payment of 4d. yearly at the *Sheriff's Turn*, which he took under the will of *Francis Nelson* his father at court 24th October, 2nd Car., and afterwards said John Lanthorne surrendered same to use of Benjamin Estey, Clk., absolutely.

*Hamlin Church*, Gent., was admitted as kinsman and heir of Wm. Church, deceased, to lands in Hale and in *Linghamfeild* and *Hilfeild* in Hale and West Bradenham.

On surrender by Thomas *Monshaw* of tenements, &c., in the street called *West End*, in Bradenham, the same were regranted to William Monshaw, son of Thomas, for life.

A conditional surrender by *Francis Hogan* of cottages, &c., was presented.

*Luke Constable* of Swaffham, Gent., by virtue of a power of attorney, under the hand and seal of



*Thomas Cory*<sup>1</sup> of the Middle Temple, Esq., "Chief Prothonotary of High Court of Common Pleas," authorizing the surrender of his copyholds of the manors of West Bradenham, East Bradenham, and Huntingfield Hall, dated 15th December, 1639, surrendered a tenement void called *Quicks*, and land belonging, late of Mary Musset, widow, and Francis Hogan; and two acres of land void at *Bats Gap*, late of John Munshaw, to the use of *William Melsopp* of Barton Bendish, Gent. And, at the same time, a messuage and land, late of *Thomas Cory* the father, deceased, to the use of John Woodbridge.

John Monshaw and William Sandcroft were sworn in constables.

It was reported that Robert Nelson "*toppavit certos arbores parvos crescentes*" on a ditch belonging to the lord of the manor called *Barkers*, for which he was fined 1s. 6d.; but he being present in full court acknowledged the offence, submitted to the lord's favour, and was required to pay 12d. only, and the residue was remitted.

At court 22nd April, 1640, on the surrender of John Lanthorne and Dorothea his wife, Benjamin Estey,<sup>2</sup> Clerk, was admitted to land of the tenement *Grubs*, the tenement void called *Berrys*, &c., late of Robert Nelson. "Pa p Shreeve shot 2d."

At court 15th April, 1641, Richard Daines of North Pickenham was admitted under forfeited conditional surrender of Robert Nelson, to land in *Parkefeild*, and also did fealty for land purchased of Robert Nelson, held in free soccage.

The death of Hamo Farror, Gent., a free tenant, was found.

At court 14th April, 1642, Robert Thrower and another were fined for allowing their cattle to stray and feed upon the metes and bounds<sup>3</sup> between the lands in the fields of West Bradenham.

Edward Thetford, Gent., and another, occupiers of the woods of the lord of the manor, were fined for not keeping in repair the fences (*fensuras*) of the said woods towards *les Lawne Pightells*, *Little Pightell*, *Halclosse*, *Rudcroft*, *et le Vicarage Long Close*; and such fences as were decayed and ruinous were to be put in repair by the Feast of St. John Baptist.

At court 11th October, 19th Car., 1643, upon the death of Elizabeth Rud, Robert Rud her younger son, and heir according to the custom of the manor, was, by Thomas Rud his guardian, admitted to copyholds consisting, with others, of the messuage, &c., called *Swifts*, certain closes and lands in *Rydon Field*, a croft called *Lingham Faldgate*, and in *Long Meadow*, and in *Bekescroft*; a tenement void called *Lucks*; also lands in *Lingham Field*, and *Northfield*, and *Lingham Closse*, which said Elizabeth had under the will of her late father, *Thomas Monshaw*, dated 18th July, Ao. 14 Car. Thomas Rud, her eldest son and heir-at-law, acknowledged soccage tenure of freehold.

License was granted to John Woodbridge to cut down eight ash trees and one elm, growing on copyhold land; and to convert one half of the timber to his own use, and use the other half for repairing his copyhold houses.

Thomas Rud also did fealty for one acre called *Le Bottome Acre*, inclosed, between land of the vicarage and land of Edward Willyamson, purchased of William Rud.

Order to distrain Thomas Rud, sen., to do fealty at next court, for free lands purchased of William Rud.

And to distrain Hamo Farror, Gent., to do fealty for close and grove of eighteen acres called *Overshort Wood* or *Covyn Close*, late purchased of *Thomas Cory*, Esq., and by him of *Robert Davy*, Gent.

Robert Brook was amerced that he had taken a mare from William Monshaw as the said William was leading the same to the lord's pound.

<sup>1</sup> Thomas Cory and William Melsopp were successively lords of the manor of Bokenham Hall, treated of hereafter.

<sup>2</sup> Benjamin Estey was Vicar of West Bradenham from 1625 to 1662.

<sup>3</sup> The grass ridges called *mier* or *meer* balks.

Pheba Pank, widow, for receiving Wm. Atkyns and his family to cohabit with her and her family in her tenement, within the precincts of the lete, and permitted such cohabitation for the space of a month, contrary to the statute in that case provided; Juditha Pinchyn, widow, for a like offence; each was amerced 10s.

"M<sup>m</sup> 7<sup>br</sup> 13 Car., Anna Yonges admissa ad Gard. Johis Palfryman tunc etat 7 annorum quousq attinget etat de 14 annor' Ideo precept est ballivo personaliter dictum Joham summond' ad eligend, gard."

At court 11th April, 20th Car., 1644. The heirs of *Hamo Farror*, Gent., again summoned to do fealty. *William Melsop*, Gent., for same purpose.

Conditional surrender presented from William Monshaw to use of *Richard Miller*, als. *Mason*, of Necton, for security of £21. 12s.

At court 14th October, 20th Car., 1644, William Monshaw presented for not scouring ditch next highway to *Stone Bridge Meadow*.

"Q<sup>y</sup> about thirty or forty years since if . . . . . Kitson ever p<sup>d</sup> any rent for his manor, for he gave it to Mr. *Henry Hogan's* wife Bridget, who was wife to one *Frezer* aft<sup>r</sup> *Drewery Monshaw*. Harvy p<sup>d</sup> 1612, 1614; Dr. Monshaw paid 1629. His land was Harvy's before it was Kitson's."

Under the surrender of Thomas Monshaw (antea), the copyhold was regranted by the hands of Dorothea his wife to him for life.

Thomas Garrord, as *youngest son* of Henry Garrord, deceased, was admitted as heir by the custom of the manor to messuage and land said Henry and Ann his wife had on surrender of William Monshaw, Ao. 31st Elizabeth; and also to copyhold lands which said Henry took on surrender of Adam Starre, Ao. 28th Elizabeth.

At court 10th April, 21 Car., 1645, *William Melsop*, Gent., did fealty for *Overshort Wood*, &c., late of *Robert Davy*, Gent., before of *Thomas Cory*, Esq.

Conditional surrender presented from William Monshaw to use of Thomas Vincent of Shipdham.

*Thomas Punder*, Gent., was admitted on surrender of Robert Dun to messuage and five acres.

Robert Rud having completed his age of fourteen (who was youngest son and heir of his mother, Thomas Rud his father having been admitted as his guardian) was now admitted in full right.

At court 16th October, 21 Car., 1645, the bailiff was ordered to seize the copyholds of Henry Hilton for contempt of court, in refusing and neglecting to attend and be sworn on the homage, and perform his other services.

Amongst the tenants presented as defaulters are the names of *Sir Henry Hungate*, Knt., *Henry Hogan*, &c.

William Monshaw, jun., having been sworn on the homage and departed in contempt of court, and to the bad example of others, before they had given their verdict, was amerced 2s. 6d.

At court 15th April, 23rd Car., 1647, a surrender was presented, passed on preceding day, by *Thomas Punder*, Gent., of messuage, &c., to which he had been admitted from surrender of Robert Dun, to the use of Robert Dun absolutely, who was admitted in fee.

Proclamation made for *William Sandcroft* to come in and pay rent, and perform service in respect of copyhold held by him.

Presentment that Robert Dun, deceased, who held tenement called *Le Layes* in farm for thirty-one years past, had used a certain driftway during that period for all his beasts, on the north side of the pasture and to the east of the Grovett, now of *William Mellsop*, Gent., but by what right they had no evidence.

The bailiff of the manor reported that by virtue of the precept to him directed by the steward, he had on the 1st of April, in the presence of two tenants (named), seized into the hands of the lord land in *Hunts Feild*, held by William Monshaw, late Garrord's; and the messuage called *Grubbs*, held by Robert Nelson; and the tenement of Thomas Pinchin, which he was commanded to hold and account to the lord for the profits until, &c.

He also certified that in pursuance of precept, &c., he had seized the tenement held by Henry Hilton, which he was commanded to hold in like manner.

At court 14th October, Ao. 23 Car., 1647, upon the death of Thomas *Munshaw*, under a surrender passed by him in Ao. 16 Car., of a tenement in *West End Street*, which was regranted to him for life, with remainder to William Munshaw his son, absolutely; which William, being of the age of fifteen years, chose John Monshaw his uncle to be his *bailiff*, who was admitted as such.

At court 13th April, Ao. 24 Car., 1648, Thomas *Rudd*, eldest son of Thomas Rudd, deceased, was admitted (not as heir, but under a devise in his father's will) to land in *Hunts Feild* (late Thomas Mores), land apud *Lingholme*, land of the tenement *Cardiouse* apud *Greeneheadland*, to the tenement *Cardiouse*, land of the tenement *Marshes*, and of the tenement *Hollwish*; the messuage called *Cardiouse*, and lands of divers other tenements—*Aldwyn*, *Baggs*, *Grubbs*, &c. (late of Martin Burton and Elizabeth his wife).

Robert Rudd, another son, was admitted under devise in same will to land in a new inclose called *Rydonfeild*, one close called *Gyles*, land in the *Churchfeild* and the *Gravell Pitts Close*; to piece of land late of John Gyles, and another late of John Palfryman, which said Thomas Rudd had from William Michell; and to land of the tenement *Marches* and of the tenement "*Jovells, apud Broadland*," had from Martin Burton and Elizabeth his wife.

Thomas and Robert both acknowledged free tenure of soccage lands, comprised in the devises of their father to them respectively.

William Monshaw chose John Monshaw his *brother* to be his bailiff, who was admitted into office.

Dole posts were ordered to be placed between lands late of John Monshaw called *Semans Close* and the close of John Woodbridge; also between land of William Seman called *Rumballs*, and inclosed land of William Esty called *Dixons*.

License from the lord for Robert Dun to let to farm all his copyholds to *Robert Yallop, Gent.*, for three years, for which he paid a fine.

At court 12th April, A.D. 1649, admissions of Thomas Jaques as only son and heir of Thomas Jaques his father, and of John Stalworthy as younger son and customary heir of John Stalworthy his father, deceased. The latter included messuage and land of the tenement *Paul Remerhawe*, land of the tenement *Semans apud Rymerhawe*, land of the tenement *Collys*, messuage void called *Little Marches*, other pieces of land apud *Redmerhawe* or *Ryemewhaugh* of the tenement *Waggersds*, and the tenement *Newmans*, which said John Stalworthy, deceased, and Mary his wife took from George Stalworthy Ao. 37th Elizabeth.

John Stalworthy surrendered conditionally to Robert Birchem.

Upon the death of William *Monshaw*, William, his only son and heir, was admitted by Mary, wife of William Allyson, his grandmother on the mother's side, to copyhold which Wm. Monshaw, deceased, and Alice his wife had on surrender and regrant Ao. 12 Car. And it was considered by the court that said William Allyson and wife should pay to the use of Anne Monshaw, one of the daughters of said William, deceased, 10s., and to the use of Elizabeth Monshaw, another daughter, 20s.

Proclamation for Thomas *Trundell* of West Braddenham, butcher, to be admitted to lands in campo de *Lingham*, surrendered to his use by William Sandcroft.

Thomas Pearson having made a new ditch in a field next the common way leading to *Stoneham*, where he had no right to do so, was commanded to amend the same before December, under penalty of 3s. 4d.

It was reported by the homage that Thomas Rud had, without licence, cut down a timber oak growing on copyhold land, against the custom of the manor; and he being in court could not deny, but acknowledged his offence, and placed himself humbly at the lord's mercy, asking to be let off with a fine; and the lord, of his special favour, in consideration of 50s. paid to him by said Thomas, exonerated him from such waste.

Also that Robert Rud had, without the lord's license, felled three timber trees growing on copyhold land, and sold them to Thomas his brother; and said Robert was admitted to pay a fine for the waste so committed, and be freed from the consequences.

At court 11th October, 1649, the death of Robert Dunn was found, having, by his will, devised the residue of his real estate to Thomas Monshaw his grandchild, after the death of Susan his wife; and said Thomas was admitted to several pieces of copyhold [before mentioned], chiefly lying in *Parkefeild*; and he,

Thomas, then surrendered the same in remainder after the decease of Suzanne, wife of Richard Johnson, late relict of said Robert Dunn, to the use of *John Greene*, Gent., son and heir apparent of *Josua Greene*, Esq.,<sup>1</sup> who was admitted accordingly.

And the said Josua Greene was admitted on the surrender of Thomas Jaques to the messuage formerly of Adam Burges, and to part of the tenement *Bage*, to which he had succeeded after the death of John Jaques his late father.

James *Jardan*, Gent., was admitted on surrender of Thomas Rudd to the land in *Lingham Feild* in *Holme Hale*; and also on the surrender of *Hamblin Church* to land in the same field.

Frances Monshaw, widow, acknowledged free tenure.

Anne Garrord, only daughter and heir of Henry Garrord, deceased, who was devisee in fee under the will of Henry Garrord his father, was admitted to the copyhold of her late grandfather, part of the tenement *Hills*; and afterwards the lord granted to said Anne license to demise for three years.

At court 4th April, 1650, presentments were made that Robert Dunn had allowed his tenement to fall into decay; that Wm. Rud did not keep the fallgate (*portam caducam*) leading into the Park Field of West Bradenham in repair; that Robert Nelson did not maintain in repair the fallgate at the end of his house leading into Parkefeild; that the inhabitants of Westend in West Bradenham did not keep the *Lingham Falgate*, leading to the common, in repair; and that Leonard Buck did not maintain sufficient fencing against the highway. In each of these cases a fine of 3*d.* was inflicted, and orders made for reparation required, under a penalty of 3*s.* 4*d.*

At court 17th October, 1650, (the homage consisting of five persons only,) William Monshaw acknowledged free tenure of four acres and a half called *Le New Close*.

John Eaton, the son, was admitted in remainder on the regrant of the lord upon the surrender of John Eaton, the father, and Suzanna then his wife, to copyhold which descended to her as heir of Richard Wright her father (including an ancient house with an orchard, &c., and a piece of land in *Le Northfeild* called *Bradland*), and then surrendered the same to his father absolutely.

At court 14th April, 1651. (Entries in English.) *Richard Yallop*, Gent., and Thomas Eacock were admitted on the surrender of Robert Dun and Elizabeth his wife.

On the petition of Edmond Ward a precept was awarded to certain tenants to set *dole stones* between the lands of Ward and the orchard or hempland of Mary Panke.

The death of Edmund Panke was presented, and that Edmund Panke was his *youngest son and next heir* according to the custom.

At court 16th October, 1651, by *Robert Yallop*, Gent., steward, under the will of Edmond Panke, Mary Panke, his widow, was admitted to copyhold, which said Edmond inherited after the death of his mother *Towlmege*.<sup>2</sup>

Under surrender from William Tayler and Amy his wife, daughter and heir of William Garrett, deceased, *Nicholas Yallop* and Thomas Eacock were admitted to parcel of tenement *Hills*, and two acres of meadow called the tenement *Wharnes*.

*Mr. Futter*, for encroaching upon the highway from West Bradenham to East deereham, by raising a dyke, was amerced 4*d.*, and commanded to throw down the same within twenty-eight days, upon payne of 10*s.*; and Thomas Neale, the same, for the like offence.

At court 21st April, 1652, John Palfryman, being of full age, did fealty for his lands.

Robert Bircham admitted on absolute surrender of John Stalworthy (*Remerhawe*).

Thomas Rudd, the younger, admitted on surrender of Robert Rudd to land at *Lingham Folgate*, land in Long Medow near a messuage of the manor of Pelsies,<sup>3</sup> and Lingham Close.

<sup>1</sup> Vide post, East Bradenham.

<sup>2</sup> One of the various modes of spelling Tollemache.

<sup>3</sup> Bokenham Hall Manor, post.

And on surrender of Robert Rudd, Thomas *Trundle* was admitted to land in *Lingham Feild*.

And on another surrender of Robert Rudd, Thomas Rudd the younger of Est Braddenham, farmer, was admitted to land at *Myllpost* in *Rydonfeild*, inherited by said Robert after the death of Elizabeth his mother; and to land of the tenement *Marches* at *Rydons*, and others, which said Robert took under the will of Thomas Rudd his father.

At court 21st February, 1652, (Wm. Melsop, Gent., being one of the homage,) William Melsop, Gent., was admitted, on the surrender of Robert Rudd, to land in the *Northfeild*, which Robert inherited upon the death of Elizabeth his mother.

Thomas Rud the younger did fealty for freehold land bought of Edward Ward. He was also admitted to copyhold land lying in *Hunts Feild* or the *Bottome Feild*, late of Edmund Willyamson, on the surrender of William Monshaw.

William *Monshaw* admitted, on surrender of Robert Rudd, to copyhold land in Church Field.

William *Monshaw* (called the elder) also acknowledged free tenure of land there, purchased of Robert Rudd.

Presentments that Thomas Short had diked and stopped a common cartway leading into *Parkfeild*, in two places: he was amerced 12*d.*, and commanded to lay open the same before 25th December, "upon payne of 10*s.*"

Robert Birchham had satisfied to William Blackhall a conditional surrender made by John Stalworthy to Blackhall in 1649.

At court 26th April, 1653, Thomas Rudd of East Braddenham admitted, on surrender of John Palfryman, to lands of tenements *Mykes* and *Bags*.

Thomas Rudd also admitted on surrender of Robert Rudd, made conditional on payment of money which had not been paid, to land and pasture nigh the tenement *Swyfts*, which said Robert inherited after the death of Elizabeth his mother.

On a surrender passed by Thomas Brotherwick in Ao. 21st Jac., to the use of Henry Hilton and Katherine his wife, and Isack Hilton and the heirs of Isack; Henry and Katherine having both died, Isack was admitted.

At court 27th October, "in the year of our Lord God according to the computacōn now used in England" 1653, Suzan, wife of George Coble, the late wife of George Turner, was admitted, under the will of the latter, to land in *Hunts Field*, late of Thomas Rudd, sen. (described in will as two acres "in *Shorthedge*, purchased of Thomas Rudd my father-in-law").

At court 20th April, 1654, Thomas *Estrowe* admitted, on surrender of William Melsop of Wereham, Gent., to tenement, &c., next land of said Thomas. Francys Hogan, one of the sons of Francys Hogan, deceased, was admitted under his will, in which he is called "my obedient son," to a pightle with a cottage thereon (late of John Budwell and Christian his wife).

John Woodbridge of Brandon Ferry, yeoman, admitted, on surrender of Thomas *Rudd*, tanner, to copyholds had of Robert *Rudd* in 1652.

Death of William *Monshaw* found, and that Martha Monshaw, aged fower years, and Frances, aged two years, were daughters and coheirs.

Constables chosen as usual.

At court 19th October, 1654, referring to surrender by Robert *Rud* in 1633 to use of John Mallet and his heirs, subject to condition for payment of £48, which had not been paid, and said John Mallet being dead, Robert Mallet, his youngest son and heir, &c., was by Elizabeth his mother and guardian admitted to messuage called *Swyfts*, and other hereditaments late of John Rudd the father of said Robert.

William Newham admitted as youngest son and next heir of Dorothy Newham, deceased, to a cottage parcel of a *pourprise*, late of Thomas Newham; and afterwards surrendered same to use of himself and Judith Carter, whom he was about to marry, and for indemnity against any claim, &c., by reason of Frances, the daughter of Mary Cooper otherwise Sanders, whereof the said William Newham was the reputed father.

Martha and Frances *Monshaw*, daughters and coheirs of *William Monshaw*, deceased, were, by Ann Monshaw his widow, admitted to copyhold of which he died seized, and had in 1652 from Thomas Rudd; and said Ann paid relief for free lands which descended to said daughters.

Thomas Parsons, guardian of William Monshaw, paid relief for tenement and land and 2*d. blanchfarme* which descended to said William by and after the decease of Frances the wife of said Thomas; and as guardian of John Monshaw he paid a relief for Simmons Close, freehold, which descended to said John in like manner.

At court 19th April, 1655, after referring to admission of James *Jordan*, Gent., in 1649, on surrender of Thomas Rudd the younger, and on surrender of Hamlyn Church in 1650, *Thomas Colvy*, under the will of said James Jordan, was admitted to the premises.

Surrender by Henry Carman, and regrant to him and to Anthony Myndham and others contingently.

At court 25th October, 1655, under the will of Thomas Fenn, deceased, dated 2nd February, 1651, Marian Fenn, his widow, was admitted for life to messuage *Bags*, &c., late of Thomas Fenn the father.

John Usherwood surrendered part of tenement *Greaves* with a *purprise*, &c., had from William *Sandcroft*, and same regranted to him and Elizabeth his wife.

Leave was given to Elizabeth Mallet and John Mallet to take down and waste an old stable on copyhold land, for which they paid fine of 10*s.*

Presentments that Raby Yonges "annoyeth the comon way by lettinge the water out of his dyke into the same," amerced 6*d.*, "and payne him 5*s.* to amend it within six dayes." That "Francys Blackwell and Beniamyne Estack did not keep their dykes next the way by Stone Bridge Meadow sufficiently scoured," amerced 6*d.* apiece and "commanded to sufficiently scour the same within fourteene days upon payne of 30*s.* 6*d.* apiece."

John Howlinge chosen to be swyn reeve and pinder, who may, after ten days next ensuing, "dryve to the lord's pownd all such hogs or swyne as he shall fynd goeing at large unringed within this lordship, and keep the same in the pownd til the owner thereof pay fower pence for every such swyne or hog so unringd and impounded."

At court 16th October, 1656, Robert *Rudd* released to Robert Mallet absolutely all right in copyhold lands comprised in his forfeited conditional surrender of 19th October, 1654.

On surrender by said Robert Mallet the premises were regranted to Elizabeth his wife for life, and then to said Robert and John Mallet his brother and Ann Mallet his sister, in manner therein mentioned.

*Dooles* were commanded to be set between the vicarage lands and lands of the heirs of William Monshaw.

The death of *Bridget Hogan*, widow, presented.

At court 15th April, 1657, under the will of James *Jordan*, Gent., dated 24th March, 1653 (whereby he gave to James *Colvy* and his heirs the messuage wherein he, testator, then dwelt, with, &c., in *Holme Hale*), the said James Colvy was admitted to land in *Lyngham Feild* in *Holme Hale*, before partly of Thomas Rudd the younger, and other part of Hamlyn Church.

William *Monshaw*, the only son and heir of William Monshaw, deceased, who was reported to be about eight years old at court 12th April, 1649, now claimed admission to his inheritance, consisting of a messuage, land, and meadow of the tenement *Waggards*, Town Meadow at *Brighill*, &c.; and now being about sixteen years of age did choose William Allyson to be his bailiff.

Thomas Rud, only son of Thomas Rud lately deceased, did fealty for land in *Lingham Field*, and paid relief, as did John Cook, for tenement in *Bottome Land Furlong* in *Hunts Field*, late Thomas Rud's, before Andrew Rud's.

Surrender presented as passed by Margaret, wife of *Cordelius Snellock*, before her death, to the use of her husband of tenement *Conyes*.

The heirs of *Bridget Hogan*, deceased, ordered to be distrayned for fealty.

Two persons chose to be pynders next year, to look for wrongful courses, &c.

At court 29th October, 1657, *Jerrard Smithee*, Gent., only son and heir of John Smithee, Gent., who was only son and heir of Jerrard Smithee, Gent., deceased, was admitted to half a rood abutting on *Snape Meadow*, which said Jerrard had Ao. 28th Elizabeth from John Smithee.

Thomas Parson amerced 5*li.* for pound breach, by knocking off the lock thereof and takeing out his horse-beast impounded there.

Thomas Wright chosen to be the pynder, and sworne.

At court 20th April, 1658, under the will of John Woodbridge, Elizabeth Judd his grandchild and devisee was admitted to copyhold purchased by him "of one Rudd, a tanner," and she being fifteen years old did choose Robert Judd, Gent., her father, to be her guardian for the premises.

And under the same will, Ellen Judd, another grandchild, was admitted to other copyhold before of Richard Deymes, and Robert Judd, Gent., father of said Ellen, was admitted guardian. And the said Robert Judd also acknowledged the free tenure, by the said John Woodbridge, of land given by the will to Ellen.

A surrender by Thomas *Eacock* and Nicholas *Yallop* to the use of Gregory Barber, Gent., and Matthew Loudon, Gent., was presented; reciting that John Pettit, deceased, had about ten years before built a cottage upon the common pasture called *Lingham Common* without the lord's leave; the lord granted the said cottage to Edward Willyamson, Thomas Trundell, and Thomas Rudd, for the benefit of the poor of West Bradenham, to be held as copyhold. Reciting a surrender passed on 19th October, 1654, by Wm. Newham, of a cottage, to the intent that the lord should regrant the same to him and Judith Carter, whom he intended to marry; and to Thomas Trundle, Thomas Rud, and Edward Willyamson, for the purpose of indemnifying the inhabitants of West Bradenham from all expenses by reason of Frances, (mentioned before), the daughter of Mary Cooper, otherwise Sanders, whereof said Wm. Newham was the reputed father. It was found that said Wm. and Judith had both died, and left said Frances and also Elizabeth their daughter chargeable to the parish: accordingly Trundle, &c., were admitted to the premises to hold for or towards the relief and maintenance of said Frances and Elizabeth.

The homage were commanded to set two *dooles* between the lands of the lord and the lands of Wm. *Melsop*, Gent., in *Redscroft*; and with the consent of Wm. Melsop, Gent., lord of the manor of *Pelts*,<sup>1</sup> to set two dooles between lands of the lord of this manor and the land of Robert Codlyn of the fee of *Pelts*.

At court 21st October, 1658, the death of *Robert Nelson* was found, seized of a tenement with a yard and orchard, &c., before of *Francis Nelson* his father; and that *Ann Garrord*, widow, and *Elizabeth Jerrard*, widow, were his sisters and coheirs, who were admitted as such.

After referring to the admission Ao. 9th Car. of Margaret, wife of *Cordwell Snellock*, then Margaret Armstrong, to the tenement Conyes, &c., and surrender by her in 1657 to the use of her husband in fee, and his death without admission, and also the seizure of the premises into the hands of the lord, as well for want of a tenant as for waste; the same were regranted by the lords to Nicholas Snellock, the youngest brother of said Cordwell, and to Mary, wife of said Nicholas, and to their heirs, and they were admitted tenants. And afterwards John Smyth, only son and heir of John Smyth, deceased, who was eldest brother of said Margaret, and James Eglington and Mary his wife, and Richard Read and Ann his wife, daughters of William Smyth, deceased, who was another brother of said Margaret, released in court all right unto said Nicholas and Mary absolutely.

*Willyam Melsop*, Gent., surrendered to the use of his will.

At court 4th April, 1659, William *Monshaw*, aged nineteen years, did choose William Monshaw his cozen to be his bailiff for the messuage and lands he took up as heir to his father in 1657.

On surrender in court by *William Mason* and *Mary* his wife, Thomas Estrow was admitted to cottage and land which said Mary, then Mary Sharpe, had in 1651 of Marmaduke Porter and Lucy his wife, to the

<sup>1</sup> Pelts for *Pelstees*, the early style of Bokenham Hall Manor.

use of said Thomas Estrow for life; remainder to the use of Mary Ashel the wife of Edmund Ashel, and her heirs.

The death of *Hillary Forby* was presented.

Giles Pinchine was amerced for not scouring watercourse at *Stone Bridge*, and required to amend it before Lamas Day.

George Cobble and Pank Case chosen constables, and sworn.

At court 19th October, 1659, the death of *Johna Greene*, Esquire, since last court was found, and that John Greene, Gent., was *youngest son* and *next heir* according to the custom of the manor, being twelve years old or thereabouts, who by (Richard Peacock his attorney) was admitted to messuage and land late Jaques. And afterwards *Sara Greene*, widow, "the natural and lawful mother" of said John, was admitted as guardian.

John Snellock was admitted on the surrender of William *Monshaw* to a tenement with a *purprise* in West End Street.

At court 10th April, 1660, *Edmund Hogan* was admitted on surrender of Francys Hogan to pightle with cottage devised by will of Francys Hogan his father.

"Prima curia generalis prænobilis viri LEICESTER DEVEREUX, Baronetti, VISCOUNT HEREFORD, iñm tent. 25 Oct., Ao. 12 Car. II., A.D. 1660, cum attornament tenentum," &c.

The proceedings at this and subsequent courts are again entered in Latin. Nineteen tenants are named as attorning *tam lib' quam nat' per solucōem unius denarii et prestacōem fidelitatis*.

At court 4th October, 1661, (per Aug' Reve, gen., sen<sup>u</sup> ibm.) the death of Thomas *Trundle* was found, and Thomas Trundle his only son and heir, aged nineteen years, was admitted to lands in *Lingham Feild* before of Robert Rudd.

On the surrender of William *Monshaw*, *Edmund Hogan* was admitted to lands before of William Monshaw the father.

*Thomas Hogan* was fined for not having scoured ditch next church land. Three others for like offences.

At court 21st April, 13th Car. II., A.D. 1662, William Olyver, sen., surrendered all his copyholds to use of William Olyver his son, upon condition that he, his heirs or assigns "*bene et sufficienter invenient maintainent et custodient predictum Willā Olyver patrem de tempore ad tempus et ad omnia tempus imposterum durante termino vite sue natural' jam in sanitate quam in egritudine sufficient cibum potum et incummentum lavarum caligas calices hospitium lavacōem vestimenta ac omnia alia necessaria*," and should also pay to Tomazine, wife of William Roberts, one of the daughters of said William Olyver the father, and Matilda, wife of Robert Clemence, another daughter, 20s. each within two years after the death of the father. And William Olyver the son was admitted thereupon to a messuage and several pieces of land, one lying in *Necton Field* at *Barkhams Pitt*; another at *Shortparke alias Hodwick*; another piece parcel of the tenement *Jewels* at *Shortparke*; another of the tenement *Myles* in *Longparke*; another of the tenement *Stevens* in *Lingham Feild*; and to a *purprise* of a messuage called *Gleber*, &c., which said William Olyver the father had Ao. 45th Elizabeth from Agnes Olyver.

Surrender presented from William *Munshaw*, son of William Munshaw, late of West Bradenham, deceased, passed 17th November last, of messuage, lands, &c., of tenement *Waggards* and at *Brighills*, to the use of *Edmund Huggan*.

William Olyver amerced on account of a barn out of repair, and Susan Johnson for like reason.

Francis Blackwood for permitting swine to go at large unringed.

Constables and pynder elected.

At Court 16th October, 1662, Ao. 14th Car. II., *Benjamin Esty*, Clerk, surrendered to use of his will.

*Edmund Huggan* admitted under Munshaw's surrender. Charles Fenn admitted as only son and heir of John Fenn his father, deceased, to messuage *Birds* and land in *Hunts Feild* (before of William Sancroft)—being about fourteen years old—by Mary his mother, who was appointed guardian, and acknowledged free tenure.



Christopher Browne of Necton admitted on surrender of William Oliver to land in the Field of Necton at *Barkeham's Pitt*, and Thomas *Trundle* on surrender of William Oliver to land in Lingham Field.

At court 6th May, 1663, Ao. 15th Car. II., under the will of *Benjamin Esty*, Clerk, lately deceased, dated 19th November, 1662, Margery his widow was admitted to lands of the tenement *Grubs*, and a tenement void called *Bernys*, "which I purchased of Robert Nelson" during her life, "towards raying stocks for my two younger children."

The death of *Robert Futter*, Gent., found.

Edmund *Huggan* did fealty for freehold land purchased of William Monshaw.

At court 20th October, 1663, Ao. 15th Car. II., license granted to Suzane Johnson, widow, to waste her barn lately fallen, without rebuilding and without impeachment for waste, for a fine.

Under the will of William Allyson, 20th December, 1657, by which his tenement in which Edward Groome dwelt, *cum pomario et canabrio* (orchard and hemp-land) were given to be sold by his wife for payment of his debts, who had sold the same to Henry Allyson her son, he (Henry) was admitted to a messuage, &c., called *Blogs*, in *Fransham Parva*, and she released same to him in court.

Under the will of *Thomas Trundle*, dated 20th September, 1636, by which he devised to Thomas his son, after the decease of Ann his wife, the messuage in which he dwelt in West Bradenham, with all lands, &c., free and copy, which he had after death of *Joane Box* his mother, and also his land in *Lingham Feild* (the death of the said Anne having been found); and also that the said Thomas the devisee in remainder had been dead two years, leaving another Thomas his only son and heir. The last-named Thomas Trundle was admitted to the tenement called *Marches* and land belonging which said Thomas the grandfather and Anne his wife had at court 20th July, Ao. 43rd Elizabeth, from Robert Boxe and Joan his wife.

By the same will the said Thomas Trundle last deceased gave to William Trundle his son (after the death of said Anne his wife) his tenement with hemp-land, &c., in West Bradenham, purchased of *Paul Mason*, deceased, and all lands, &c., in *North Field* in West Bradenham: which William had died many years since, leaving Thomas Trundle his nephew and heir as only son and heir of Thomas deceased, who was elder brother of said William. And the said Thomas, the nephew, was thereupon admitted to land in West Bradenham apud *le Faldgate*, and to three pieces near *Cockbush*, land late of John Munshaw, and other land in Bradenham, with a messuage thereon, had from *Paul Mason*.

By the same will Thomas Trundle the testator devised to Robert Trundle his son (after the death of the said Anne) the tenement purchased of Edward Smyth, and meadow purchased of Blosse and wife; which said Robert had died about four years before, William Trundle being his only son and heir, eighteen years old, who, by John Hamond, Gent., his attorney, was admitted to cottage and lands which the testator had from Edward Smyth and from John Carman. And he also acknowledged free tenure of land also devised by the will of said Thomas the grandfather.

It was testified by Augustine Reve, Gent., the steward, that Gregory Baxter, Gent., on the 14th August last, at the city of Norwich, surrendered all the copyhold messuages, lands, meadows, tenements, &c., held by him of the manor, to the use of Lionel Edgar, Robert Deves, and . . . . Man, Gent., and their heirs, upon trust for "*plenobile viro Leicester Devereux Viscount Hereford et heredum*," &c.

Presentment, that William Oliver had not scoured his ditch next the footpath called *Barbers Lane*: he was amerced and ordered to scour it sufficiently before the 2nd February, *sub pena* 20s.

Edmund Huggon "*obstupavit quondam viam campestram in Church Feild ad gr' dampnum*," amerced 3s. and ordered to open the same before the 1st December, *sub pena* 20s.

William Oliver had rebuilt his barn as he had been ordered.

At court 2nd May, 1664, 16th Car. II., under the will of *John Futter*, Gent., dated 4th April, Ao. 13th Car. II., by which he gave to his son John Futter all his pastures, closes, &c., in West Bradenham and Scarning, both free and copy, called *Buntings Closes*, John Futter, Gent., the son, was admitted in fee to copyhold in a close late of Robert Futter.

On a surrender passed in court by Edmund *Hogan*, copyhold lands in the fields of West Bradenham (before of William *Munshaw*) and other copyhold lands of the tenement *Waggards* and *Brighill*, also late of William *Munshaw*, were regranted to said Edmund and Margaret his wife, and his heirs, who were admitted accordingly.

The death of Thomas *Rudd* of Ashill was found.

I have now gone through the earliest Court Book in existence of this manor, containing entries as well of the acts of the Courts Baron as of the proceedings at the Courts Lete, from which I have made copious extracts, and to this I was induced in great measure by a desire expressed by the late Mr. J. M. Kemble, who says, "It is deeply to be lamented that the very early customs found in the copies of Court Roll in England have not been collected and published; such a step could not possibly affect the interests of lords of manors or their stewards; but the collection would furnish materials for law and history."<sup>1</sup>

The second book, Liber B, begins with "Prima curia generalis HENRICI WARNER, Ar., iŕm tent sċdo die Novembris, Ao. 17 Car. II., A.D. 1665, p. Gregorium Barber, gen., seneschalum iŕm;" when thirteen tenants attorned, and twelve were sworn on the homage, and thirty-eight were named as defaulters: amongst the latter *Henry Hungate*, Esq., *John Futter*, Gent., *Lucas Skippon*, S. T. D.

The death of Wills. *Milsoppe* was presented, and that *Richard Melsoppe* was his younger son and customary heir, being of the age of twelve years.

Also the death of Edmund *Hoogan*, whose next heir was Thomas *Hoogan*.

After this I shall not take any notice of entries not referring to estates or families whose genealogical history is of interest or have been particularly noticed, except where they give the ancient names by which certain localities were known.

At court 12th April, 18th Car. II., 1666, on the surrender of Edus *Williamson*, Ralph *Outlaw*<sup>2</sup> was admitted to the tenement *Halwise* and meadow lying at *Deadman's Bush*, and said Edmund and Ann his wife released in court; and afterwards the said Ralph *Outlaw* surrendered the same premises to the use of the said Edmund and Anne and his heirs, who were admitted accordingly, and then passed a conditional surrender to the use of said Ralph *Outlaw* of Necton, clerk, for securing the payment of £55.

After presenting the death of *Edmund Hoogan*, *Thomas Hoogan* was admitted as his brother and next heir to cottage and land before of Francis *Hoogan*.<sup>3</sup>

*Henry Hungate*, Esq., *Robert Futter*, Gent., *Luke Skippon*, and others, were again defaulters in their suit of court. *Thomas Trundle*, *Thomas Hoogan*, and eleven others, attended and took their oath of fealty to the king, while twenty-two other persons, who were decennaries within the precinct of the lete, were amerced as defaulters, as were three other resiants.

*Johes Lawes* non collocavit pontem in venella clausi sui ducentis ad ecclesiam et prescriptum est collocare pontem infra decem dies.

At court 1st April, 19th Car. II., 1667, under the will of *Benjamin Easty*, clerk, dated 19th November,

<sup>1</sup> *The Saxons in England*, vol. i., chap. 11, p. 55 n.

<sup>2</sup> *Ralph Outlaw* in 1661 was Rector and Vicar of Necton, but only held it one year. He died Rector of Bintry in 1721.

<sup>3</sup> As I have remarked before, I cannot connect this family with that of the lords of East Bradenham.

1662, whereby he gave to his wife Margery the tenement he bought of Robert Nelson for her life, for and towards raising stocks for his two younger children, Benjamin and Vincent, to same proportion of his other sons, not under £55; gave the same after her decease unto Vincent Easty and his heirs, paying unto his brother Benjamin what he should not have received of £55 in his mother's life. The said Vincent Easty was admitted to land of the tenement Grubs and the tenement void (Berrys) before described.

At the lete two sub-constables were chosen, and non-attending chief pledges amerced.

At court 8th June, Ao. 19th Car. II., A.D. 1667, *Ralph Outlaw* of Necton, Clerk, was admitted under forfeited conditional surrender of Williamson and wife.

At a special court, 15th October, Ao. 19th Car., A.D. 1667, *William Melsoppe*, eldest son of William Melsoppe, deceased, produced the probate of his father's will, dated 9th January, 1663, by which he gave to him (William the son) his messuage, &c., in West Bradenham, with meadow and three closes in fee, who was admitted to two acres of copyhold at *Betts Gapp*, before of *Thomas Cory*.

Anne Williamson released to *Ralph Outlaw*, Clerk.

Visus francii plegii cum cur. general. Henrici Warner, Ar.," &c., die 31 Martis, 20th Car. II., 1668.

*Richard Melsoppe*, younger son and customary heir of *William Melsoppe*, deceased, aged about twelve years, was admitted to lands which said William, deceased, devised to Thomas Melsoppe, brother of said Richard, after his age of twenty-one years, viz., to *Northfield Pightell*, lying in the North Field of West Bradenham, a tenement void called *Lusks*, and to meadow in *Betts Croft*, before of Robert Rudd, until said Thomas should attain twenty-one.

The lete jury found that *Luke Skippon*, S. T. D. (Sancte Theologie Doctor), had not sufficiently scoured the ditch in Lower Close, next the road leading from Bradenham to Dereham Market, to the damage of the said way. He was then amerced 5s., and was commanded to scour the same in eight months on forfeit to the lord of £5.

Also "quod *Ponticulus* [a little bridge] vocat. *Dame's Head*, est in magno decasu ad nocumentum subditorum Dñi Regis quodq; villa de West Brad'ham debet reparare." And they were ordered to repair the same within three months under forfeiture to the lord of Cs.

At court 21st October, 21st Car. II., A.D. 1669, under the will of *Thomas Ferroure*, deceased, dated 22nd February, 1654, by which he gave to Marian his wife all his lands, &c., in West Bradenham for her life, and after, &c., unto Thomas Ferroure, his son, and his heirs, charged with payments to John Ferroure and James Ferroure his sons, and unto Amy his (testator's) daughter, wife to William Coe, and to Robert Coe and Thomas Coe, sons of said William and Amy. And he gave pecuniary legacies to Thomas Rose and John Rose his grandchildren, and unto the three children of his son John then living, and the two children of his son Robert, and one child of his son Thomas,—nine grandchildren in all,—to be paid by son Thomas; he the said Thomas Ferroure, the devisee, was admitted to copyholds taken 24th October, Ao. 21st Jac., after death of Robert Ferroure.

*James Colvey*, Gent., surrendered to use of his will.

Presentment, "quod Robts. Cobbe *fregit parcum Dni is igit.* (amerced) vii."

Eliguit O. L. officium comparatorem<sup>1</sup> p villa in West Bradenham.

At court 14th April, 1670, referring to presentment of death of William *Munshaw* in 1654, and that Martha Munshaw, then aged four years, and Frances Munshaw, then aged two years, were daughters and coheirs, who had not yet been admitted, each of them now attended in person, and was admitted to one moiety of the copyhold late of said William, before of Thomas Rudd.

The lete jury found that Edūs Carman "*injuste obstruxit viam ducentem p. Le Town Closse ad ecclesiam de West Bradenham, sepiendo clausam . . . . et non faciendo climacon<sup>2</sup> convenientem ubi ex antiquo usitū fuit et de iure nunc debat, is ipi in m'ia vj<sup>is</sup> ij<sup>is</sup> et p'ceptum est ut facerat climacon convenientem infra tres hebdomadas sub pena forisfaciend' decem solidar'.*"

<sup>1</sup> Pindar.

<sup>2</sup> Climax, a stile.

Francis Adamson *perpendit duas januas transversanas viam ducentem a West Bradenham ad Fransham Parvam ad comunem nocumentum populi Dni Regis et in obstructionem viæ p'dict' . . . . m'ia xx<sup>s</sup> et p'cept, &c., pena xl<sup>s</sup>.*

Decennaries within the precinct of the lete and owing suit and service, but not attending, amerced as usual.

At Court 19th January, 1670, under the will of *Robert Bircham*, in which he mentions that he was bound unto his brother *Halcott* to leave his son Matthew Bircham a certain sum of money, which had been partially performed. He further gave to said Matthew all his houses, lands, &c., in the towns and bounds, fields or precincts of West Bradenham, Little Dunham, Sporle, and Necton, for his life, and to the heirs of his body, with remainder to his son Robert Bircham in fee simple. The said Matthew was accordingly admitted to the copyholds before Stalworthy's.

Surrender presented from William Owing to use of Richard Secker of Scarning, butcher, absolutely.

At court 2nd May, 1671, Richard *Secker* was admitted under Owing's surrender to a tenement, and then surrendered same to use of Thomas Lawes.

Walter Ranson and Margaret his wife were admitted on surrender of William Olyver to parcel of tenement *Burgys* lying in *Short Parke*, als. *Hogwicke*; another piece parcel of tenement *Jewells*, also on *Short Parke*, one of the abutments being on *terras dominicales* vocat' *Barkers*; parcel of the tenement *Palfryman*; also a garden, &c., late of William Olyver the father.

The lete jury presented that Arthur *Davy* permitted his pit, between his house and the church of West Bradenham, to be offensive and a nuisance.

At court 16th April, 1672, Arthur Davies was amerced £5 for pound breach.

At court 8th April, 1673. Here is a change in the hand-writing of the entries, which previously have been very illegible, evidently having been made by the steward himself. The proceedings of this court, Gregory Barber still named as being the steward, but for the last time, are clearly and legibly entered. The homage of the court baron consisted of fifteen persons; the inquest of the lete of sixteen.

Under the will of *William Trundle*, dated 17th September, 1672 (whereby he gave all his real estate to Susan Trundle his mother in fee, subject to a condition not set forth), the said Susan was admitted to a tenement and land, with a small house, next the lord's park or pound (before his father's, Robert Trundle).

At court 23rd April, 26th Car. II., A.D. 1674, by Thomas Percival, Gent., steward. [Here begins Book C.] Under the will of *William Melsopp*, Gent., dated 9th January, 1663, Thomas Melsopp, son of said William, having attained the age of twenty-one years, was admitted to the land devised to him (as before stated).

It was found that Susanna Johnson, widow, late the wife of Robert Dunn, who was tenant for life of certain cottages and other copyholds, had permitted the said cottages to become entirely ruined and wasted, upon which Henry Warner, Esq., the lord of the manor, in person and in the presence of the homage, had entered and taken possession of the premises; the same being forfeited by reason of such waste.

At court 28th March, 1676, Henry *Armiger*, Gent., and Helena his wife (before Helena Judd), surrendered copyhold which she took under the will of John Woodbridge, to the use of Thomas *Trundle* absolutely, who was admitted.

And Thomas *Trundle* had license to take down a certain barn, for which he paid a fine of 30s.

Under a surrender by Nicholas Barwicke, Samuel *Jesop*, Gent., was admitted to a parcel of land abutting on *Snappe Meadow*.

The cottages and land seized by the lord (as above) were regranted to Susan Johnson for life.

Presented that Henry *Hungate*, Esq., who held certain freehold lands of the manor, had alienated them to William *Goulston*, Esq., and that Henry Armiger and Helena his wife (late Helena Judd) had sold divers freehold lands and tenements to Thomas Garrard.

John Fox paid 20s. for license to fell five oaks standing upon a certain copyhold close of said John in Necton.

Armiger and wife surrendered copyhold to use of Thomas Garrard of Lynn Regis absolutely.

At court 10th August, 1676, upon death of *Edmund Hogan*, seized of copyholds of which Margaret his relict, now wife of *Thomas Goodwin*, was tenant for life, Thomas Hogan, the brother and heir of said Edmund, being of full age, was admitted in fee in remainder expectant upon her decease; and then surrendered the same to the use of said Thomas Goodwin absolutely.

*Thomas Trundle*, in court, surrendered messuage and land, late Armiger's, to the use of *Nicholas Booth*, clerk,<sup>1</sup> absolutely.

At court 2nd April, 1678, Thomas, son of William Rudd, for digging a claypit "*effodit argillettum* (*Anglice, a clay pit*) *in quadam venella* voc. *Deereham Lane infra jurisdictione*, &c., *ad grave nocumentum populi*," was amerced 3*d.*, and ordered to fill up same within twenty days under penalty of 10*s.*

Two others were amerced 3*d.* each for neglecting to cleanse their ditches in the churchway, &c.

Also Thomas Mellsopp (written *Milksopp*) for not cleansing his ditch in the way leading from West Bradenham to Scarning.

Likewise John Snell and others for not having sufficient fences next the common.

*William Trundle* of East Bradenham, butcher, was admitted on the surrender of Thomas Gooding.

Thomas Garrard of Lynn Regis, on the surrender of Armiger and wife, and did fealty for freehold.

Three daughters, infants of Margaret Carman, who was daughter of Susanna Trundle, were admitted by John Carman their grandfather and guardian to copyholds given to said Susanna, deceased, by William Trundle.

Matthew *Halcott* acknowledged satisfaction on the conditional surrender of Thomas *Rudd*, who afterwards surrendered conditionally to the use of *John Le Strange* of Gressenhall, Esq., for security of loan.

At court 23rd April, 1679, Nicholas Booth was amerced 12*s.* 6*d.* for cutting trees in the highway leading to *Long Close*.

George Beale for not scouring ditch leading "*a vicar* *ad Templum* de West Bradenham," and Richard Earle for not scouring ditch leading from Stone Bridge towards Swaffham, were each amerced, &c.

As was *Nicholas Booth*, Clerk, for digging "*argillettum* (*Anglice, a clay pit*)" against the highway near his house, which he was commanded to fill up within thirty days, under penalty of forfeiture.

Amongst the names of tenants making default in suit of court are those of *William Goulston*, Esq., Matthew *Halcott*, Gent., Henry *Armiger*, Gent., John *Greene*, Gent., Mary *Forby*, widow, Samuel *Samon*, Gent., James *Cobon*, Gent., and Samuel *Jessop*, Gent.

John Snell not having fenced against the common apud le West End, was amerced 10*s.*

Referring to the surrender passed by Thomas *Trundle* in 1676 to the use of Mary *Raven* of Harpley, conditional to be void on payment of £159 to her, which was forfeited by nonpayment; and that John Blyford had since married said Mary Raven. She was admitted.

By the will of said *Thomas Trundle*, dated 1st April, 1677, produced by Thomas Rudd and Thomas Gooding, the executors, he directed them to sell *Northfeild Closes*, and gave all the rest of his real estate to Thomas his son in fee, subject to payment of £100 to Mary, testator's eldest daughter; and afterwards said John Blyford and Mary his wife, and also said Thomas Rudd and Thomas Gooding, surrendered and released land apud *Le Feildgate*, and also other pieces prope locum voc' *Cocke Bush*, before of William Trundle his uncle, to the use of *William Mellsopp* absolutely, who was then admitted.

And Thomas Trundle, the son and devisee, was admitted on the surrender of Blyford and wife to the copyholds comprised in the devise to him in *Lingham Feild*, &c. And the said Thomas Rudd, who was his grandfather, was appointed guardian during his minority.

The death of *John Futter*, Gent., was presented.

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<sup>1</sup> Nicholas Booth succeeded Dr. Skippon as Vicar of West Bradenham this same year, 1676.

At court 13th April, 1680, *William Goulston*, as a defaulting suitor, is termed *miles*.<sup>1</sup>

A surrender is recited as passed by *Thomas Melsopp*, 22nd October, 1679, of *Northfeild Pightell*, the tenement voc' *Luckes*, and land in *Betts Croft*, to the use of *Samuel Jessop* absolutely, who was admitted under the same.

*Robert Dunn*, whose death had been found in Ao. 1st Car. I., by his will dated 8th February, 1639, gave to *Robert Monshaw* his grandchild the tenement wherein he dwelt, also his other tenement called *Wright's*, with all lands, &c.; and also freehold land in *Church Feild*, to hold to said *Robert Monshaw* in fee after the death of *Susan*, testator's wife, which said *Susan*, afterwards *Susan Johnson*, had died; and said *Robert Monshaw* had also died, *William Monshaw* being his youngest son and customary heir, who, as such, was admitted to the tenement *Wright's* and to land in *Church Field*, copyhold, and afterwards surrendered the same to the use of *Thomas Gooding* absolutely.

The death of *Josua Green* was found, and that he held certain copyhold lands in reversion expectant upon the decease of *Susan Johnson*, widow, before the wife of *Robert Dunn*, which said *Susan* had died; and *John Green*, Esq., as brother and heir of *Josua*, was admitted to the premises part late of *Thomas Monshaw*, part late of *John Armstronge*, other part *Le Long Pightell*, &c., also late *Thomas Monshaw's*; also lands in *Parkfeild* and other places, late of said *Robert Dunn* and *Susanna* his wife.

Under the will of *William Trundle*, deceased, by which a messuage and copyhold land were devised to his son *Thomas*, who was about thirteen years of age, *Jane*, the widow and executrix, was admitted, as guardian of said *Thomas*, to the messuage called *Birdes* and land in *Huntsfeild*, before *Fenn's*.

*Robert Monshaw*, son and heir of *Robert Monshaw*, deceased, acknowledged free tenure of lands before *Robert Dunn's*.

An ancient rent of 9s. in respect of the copyholds of said *Susanna Johnson*, before *Dunn's*, was apportioned between *John Greene* and others.

At court 8th April, 1681, *Robert Futter*, son and heir of *John Futter*, deceased, being only twelve years of age, *Robert Daye*, Gent., was admitted as his guardian to copyhold lying in a close late of *Robert Futter*, sen., the father of said *John*.

At court 26th April, 1682, under the will of *Nicholas Booth*, Clerk, dated 24th January, 1676, *Elizabeth Booth*, the widow and devisee in fee therein named, was admitted to land late of *William Trundle*, and was readmitted on her surrender to herself for life, with remainder to *James Nelson* and *Elizabeth* his wife, and the heirs of their bodies, and ultimately to said *James Nelson* in fee.

Under the will of *James Colvy*, deceased, by which he gave to *Ann* his wife the capital messuage wherein he dwelt and all other his lands, &c., in *Holme Hale* and *West Bradenham*, for her life, with remainder to son *John* in fee, and in case of his death without issue, to her, said *Ann*, absolutely; she was admitted for life to land in *Lingham Field* (before of *James Jordan*.)

Upon the death of *Vincent Easty*, *Benjamin Easty*, his brother and heir, was admitted to tenement, &c., before of *Benjamin Easty* their father.

*Katherine Scott* of *Necton*, widow, was admitted on surrender of *Walter Ranson* to land in *Parkfeild* and elsewhere in *West Bradenham*, and on surrender of *Thomas Hogan*, to pightle and cottage in *West Bradenham*.

*Thomas Rudd*, only son and heir of *Thomas Rudd* his father, deceased, was admitted to land in *Hunts Feild*, land apud *Ringholme*, the tenement and messuage called *Cardiouse*, lands of the tenements *Quicks* and *Grubbs*, *Baggs* and *Barrdice*, land at *Lingham Folgate*, land in *Long Meadow* adjoining a meadow of the *Manor of Pelsties*, land apud *Myll Post* in *Rydon Feild*; also to other lands at *Rydon*s and in *Broad Land*, and land in *Hunts Feild* seu *Le Bottom Feild*, &c.

<sup>1</sup> "St William Goulston of White Chappell knighted as y<sup>e</sup> Lord Mayor of London 8 of March, 1679. See for a family of this name Sir Edward Byshe's *Hertfordshire*, 57. No arms entered." His widow remarried Sir James Etheridge, Knight.—*Le Neve's Knights*.

The fine payable on the admission of Alice Atkin, widow, under the will of Thomas Atkyn her husband, deceased, was stated in the margin of the entry to have been "pardonatus quia pauper," as were the fees.

Thomas *Rud* produced a license under the seal of *Henry Warner* of Mildenhall in Suffolk, Esq., and lord of the manor, to cut down and carry away thirty-three small ashes and twenty-three small timber oaks from off his copyhold. Dated 4th April, 1683, which was inrolled.

At court 9th April, Ao. 2nd Jac. II., 1686, by Samuel Palmer, Gent., deputy steward of Thomas Percivall, upon the death of Matthew *Bircham*, *William Bircham* (only son of *Robert Bircham*), who was father of said Matthew, was admitted to copyhold messuages and lands held by said Matthew.

Upon the death of *John Greene*, and under his will dated 26th April, 1684, by which he gave all his lands in East Bradenham, Shipdham, Necton, Westfield, or elsewhere in Norfolk, to his wife *Martha Green* in fee, also his executrix; the said *Martha Green*, was admitted to the copyhold which said John held as heir of Josua his brother in *Parkefeld*, &c., in West Bradenham.

At court of SAMUEL THOMSON, Esq., 7th April, Ao. 3rd Jac. II., by John Pippin, Gent., deputy of Thomas Percivall the steward. Surrender presented from James *Nelson* and Elizabeth his wife, to use of Elizabeth *Townshend* of Southberg, spinster, conditionally on payment of £42. 8s.

At court 31st July, 1688, before Thomas Percivall, the steward. The first proclamation was made after the death of William *Trundle*, which is the last entry in Book C.

Book D begins with "Prima curia ROBT THOMSON, gen.," &c., 22nd April, Ao. 3 Willi et Marie, &c., A.D., 1691, before William Davy, Gent., steward, when nine tenants attorned, and thirty-six were returned as defaulters, including in the latter the names of Sir *James Etheredge*, Knt., Robert Day, Esq., Matthew Halcott, Gen., Samuel *Jessopp*, Gen., William *Melsopp*, Edmd. *Beagham*, Esq., Samuel Symmons, Gen., Anna Colvey, widow, Thomas Sendall, Gen., Clemens Cockett, &c.

A power and deputation is entered, dated 23rd December, 1689, from the lord, by the name of "S<sup>r</sup> SAMUEL THOMPSON of the city of London, Knt., lord of the manor of West Bradenham," &c.

The death was presented of *Ralph Outlaw*, Clerk.

At court 21st September, 1691, (with view of frank pledge.) The second proclamation was made after the death of Samuel *Jessopp*, Gent.

At a special Court, 11th April, 1692, John Cotton was admitted under devise to him and the heirs of his body in the will of Matthew *Bircham*, dated 4th February, 1685, to land, &c., at *Remerhaw*, &c.

At court 31st October, 1692, sixteen capital pledges were sworn on the lete jury, and eight on the homage of the court baron.

Under the will of *Thomas Trundle*, dated 1st April, 1677, *Thomas Trundle* the son having attained the age of twenty-one, was admitted to copyholds surrendered to Thomas the father by John Blyford and Mary his wife.

Sara, the wife of John *Ward*, Gent., was admitted as one of the daughters and coheirs of *Ralph Outlaw*, Clerk, deceased, to one moiety, and Elizabeth, wife of Henry Tincler, Clerk, the other daughter and coheir, to the other moiety of the copyholds of which said Ralph died seized.

At court 26th October, 1693, the townsmen were presented by the lete jury for not having repaired two bridges leading from the small common pasture of West Bradenham to East Bradenham, and also for not repairing the common way from the place called *le Woodhous* of West Bradenham to Swaffham, and George Hudson for taking away a foot-bridge in the same common.

*Mathew Jessopp* of East Bradenham, Gent., by Mary Jessopp, his mother and guardian, was admitted on the surrender of *John Futter* of the city of Norwich, linen draper, brother and heir of Robert Futter,

late of Framlingham in Suffolk, deceased, who was son and heir of John Futter, deceased, to copyholds late of said Robert Futter.

The death of *Samuel Jessopp*, Gent., being presented, *Francis Jessopp*, Gent., as his *youngest son* and customary heir (aged ten years or thereabouts) was by Mary his mother admitted to the copyhold land of his late father, before Melsopp's.

Referring to the death of Susan *Trundle*, and the heirship of Susan, Margaret, and Elizabeth Carman, daughters of Margaret Carman, deceased, and the admission of John Carman their grandfather as guardian during their minorities, who had died several years since. And that all the said coheirs had attained majority, the said Susanna being the wife of Robert Hyde, was admitted to an undivided third part, which had so descended to her; and Margaret and Elizabeth Carman, the two other coheiresses, each to one other third part of the copyholds late of said Susan Trundle.

After the presentation of a surrender from John Ward, Gent., and Joan his wife, and Henry Tincler, Clerk, and Elizabeth his wife, daughters and coheirs of *Ralph Outlaw*, Clerk, deceased, to the use of Thomas Gooding of East Bradenham, linen weaver, absolutely, the said Thomas was admitted. And afterwards the copyholds were on his surrender regranted to the use of him and Catharine his wife and his heirs.

At special court 11th March, 1694, the death was presented of Martha, late wife of *Edmund Beaghan*, Esq., before wife of John Green, Esq., and that *Henry Hungate*, Esq., was her *brother and heir*. Also a letter of attorney dated 20th February last, from said Henry Hungate, described of St. Martin's in the Fields, co. Middlesex, in which is recited the seizin of Martha, late wife of Edmund Beaghan, of Sissingherst, co. Kent., Esq., (and before wife of John Green, Esq.), in certain hereditaments copyhold of the manor of West Bradenham, which by her decease descended to said Henry Hungate as her brother and heir; and he thereby appointed John *Covell*, Gent., Edward Gurlington, Gent., and Charles Tanner, Gent., or any one of them, to surrender the same copyhold hereditaments to the use of the said Edmund Beaghan absolutely. And the said John Covell surrendered the same accordingly, whereupon the said Edmund Beaghan was admitted in fee.

*Ann Covell*, widow, surrendered copyholds in Holme Hale and West Bradenham which she had under the will of *James Colvey*, *als. Covell*, Gent., her husband, deceased, in 1668, to the use of *John Covell*, Gent., her son, absolutely, who was thereupon admitted, and afterwards surrendered the same to the use of himself and Sara his wife for their lives and the heirs of their bodies, with remainder to his heirs; and on the regnant of the lord he was readmitted for life.<sup>1</sup>

At court 12th October, 1696, proclamations were made after the death of Elizabeth *Nelson*, widow, and against James *Etheredge*, Knt.

At court 27th October, 1697, Edward *Bodham* of Swaffham, grocer, was admitted on the surrender of William Taylor and wife to copyholds late of William *Bircham*, Gent., the father of said Margaret Taylor, and he afterwards had the lord's license to waste his tenement.

At court 8th November, 1698, *William Melsop* surrendered to the use of his will.

*Edward Bodham* of Swaffham, grocer, was admitted on surrender of William Allison to copyhold messuage and land, part lying in Fransham Parva.

The copyhold of Zacheriar Monument was declared to be forfeited for waste.

At court 13th December, 1702, John Covell, Gent., being steward, *Thomas Trendle*<sup>2</sup> was admitted on surrender of Thomas Fenn to the tenement Baggs, &c.

Thomas Fox was admitted on surrender of Frances Fox.

<sup>1</sup> In the Holme Hale manor, in 1695, John Covell, Gent., was admitted as eldest son and heir of James Covell, deceased, to copyhold of that manor, and Ann Covell, widow, released her right. Afterwards said John surrendered to uses of himself and Sarah his wife and the heirs of their bodies, and was readmitted.

<sup>2</sup> There is some confusion in the books between the names of *Trendle* and *Trundle*.



At special court 3rd June, 1703, under the will of *Katherine Scott*, widow, dated 9th November, 1699, by which she devised to Sarah *Lawrence* her granddaughter, one of the children of Christopher Browne of Norwich, worstead weaver, all her real estates in West Bradenham; and the said Sarah, wife of Isaac Lawrence, was admitted to copyhold before Snellock's and before Monement's, which said Lawrence and wife surrendered to use of George Chilvers, who was admitted.

At special court 8th May, 1704, referring to the deaths of *James Nelson* and Elizabeth his wife many years since, and that John Nelson their only son had attained his majority, the latter was admitted, and surrendered to Edward Coble, who was also admitted.

At the general court of ROBERT THOMPSON, Esq., lord, &c., 10th November, 1704, Edward Coble was admitted on surrender of James *Cockaine* and wife to copyhold sometime of John *Cony*.

At court 11th April, 1709, *Samuel Needham*, Clerk,<sup>1</sup> was admitted on surrender of William Atkins, son and heir of Thomas Atkins.

John Parlett and Rosa his wife (late Rosa Easty), conditional surrender presented made to Susanna Bodham of Swaffham, widow. Also conditional surrender from Thomas Rudd to Edward Bodham.

Satisfaction was entered on Thomas Rudd's conditional surrender to John *Lestrange*, Esq.

Surrender by Edward *Beaghan*, Esq., to use of his will, presented.

At court 8th April, 1713, presentments that Thomas Rudd had cut down duas arbores; Anglice, two tymber ashen trees. That Thomas Trendle had cut *unam parvam aborem*; Anglice, one small oaken tree. And that Edmund Panke had pulled down a copyhold tenement without license. Fines were inflicted for each offence.

At court 17th May, 1714, under the will of Samuel *Seaman*, Gent., dated 18th March, 1694, by which he gave his lands, &c., in West Bradenham unto his sister Hannah Metfield for life, remainder to William Metfeild her son, Elizabeth, Sarah, and Rebecca, her daughters; to be sold and equally divided among them four. The said Hannah, Elizabeth, and Rebecca having all died, said William Metfeild and Sara, wife of Nathaniel Harvey, were admitted to copyholds late of said Samuel Seaman.

*Edward Sharpin* of Necton, Gent., was admitted on surrender of John Fox.

At court 26th July, 1715, satisfaction was presented on conditional surrender by John *Parlett* to Susanna Bodham, deceased, on payment to Edward Bodham and Susanna his wife, and Mary Large, widow, executrixes of the will of said Susanna their mother.

First court of SUSANNA THOMPSON, widow, 6th November, 1717. John Covell, Gent., remaining steward.

At court 8th October, 1718, under the will of Thomas *Gooding*, Gent., dated 25th May, 1709, by which he left to John Gooding his eldest son, in fee, all his real estate; the said John Gooding was admitted to copyholds, before of Edmund Hogan.

At court 30th October, 1721, Edmund Gooding, after a recovery, surrendered to *Edward Bodham* of Swaffham, Gent., conditionally.

By the will of Edmund Panke, 30th November, 1719, he gave to his son-in-law *William Monshaw*, in fee, his house and land in West Bradenham; which said William was admitted to the copyhold part.

The first proclamation was made after the death of William Melsopp.

At court 4th October, 1722, Henry Ibbott, Gent., steward.

By the will of *William Melsopp*, late of West Bradenham, deceased [date not entered], the testator gave to his cousin Thomas Melsopp of the city of Norwich, worstead weaver, in fee, all his real estate in West and East Braddenham; which said Thomas was admitted to copyhold "*apud Betts Gappes*," *Cockebush*, &c.

At court 8th October, 1724, the death of John Covell, Gent., was presented.

At court 5th October, 1725, the death of *Edmund Beaghan*, Esq., was presented.

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<sup>1</sup> Samuel Needham was Vicar of West Bradenham 1685.

At court 16th December, 1725, under the will of *Edmund Beaghan*, deceased, dated 3rd December, 1724, that testator devised all his estate in Norfolk to his eldest son *Edmund Hungate Beaghan* for life, and to the first and other sons of his body in tail male; and the said *Edmund Hungate Beaghan* was admitted for life to the copyhold late *Hungate's*.

At court 5th October, 1726, *John Minn* of Fransham Parva, maulster, was admitted on the surrender of *Edward Bodham*, Gent.

The copyholds of the late *John Covell*, Gent., were seized into the hands of the lord for want of a tenant.

At court 21st November, 1727, under the will of *John Gooding*, deceased, dated 16th November, 1726, he gave to his brother-in-law *William Gooding* all his real estate in *Holme Hale* and in *West Bradenham*, and said *William* was admitted to copyholds before of *Edmund Pank*; and to another cottage and land before of *Heigho* and wife. Testator also gave to *Catherine Gooding*, daughter of his brother-in-law *William*, in fee, a certain house and land, and also *Symonds Closes* and *Curkes Close*, the *Round Close*, the *New Close*, and *Huggins Pighle*, and in *Pepper Land Field*, and in *Church Field*, and next the *Camping Land*, and at a place called *Deadman's Bush*, all in *West Bradenham*; and she, being only fifteen years of age, the said *William* her father was admitted as her guardian to the copyhold part.

*Edward Case* of Oxwick cum *Patchley* in Norfolk, Gent., was admitted on surrender of *Robert Jarrard* or *Gerrard*; and also acknowledged free tenure, &c.

The death of *Matthew Jessopp* was presented.

At court 26th November, 1728, *John Covell*, only son of *John Covell*, deceased, was admitted on the regrant of the lord to the copyholds held by his late father, which had been seized for want of admission.

It appeared that by the will of *John Gooding*, deceased, he devised all his real estate in *Necton*, *Sporle*, and *Swaffham*, to *Edmund Gooding* his brother-in-law in fee, which *Edmund* died without taking admission to certain copyhold; and that *Catherine*, *Maria*, *Susanna*, and *Eliza* were his daughters and coheirresses, each of whom were now admitted to an undivided fourth part of copyhold land in *Necton Field*, at *Barkham Pitt*; and their guardianship was committed to *William Gooding* their uncle during minority.

At court 10th November, 1730, *William Mounshaw* and *Amitia* his wife, and *Robert Boyden* and *Mary* his wife, daughters and coheirs of *Edmund Panke*, deceased, released all right to *William Gooding*.

At court 4th June, 1733, *Robert Crowe*, Gent., steward. [Proceedings henceforth all entered in English].

After the death of *Edward Sharpin*, Gent., *Edward Sharpin* his grandson and next heir admitted to land in *Necton*, before *Fox's*.

At court 26th September, 1733, *Dianah Lane* of *East Bradenham*, widow, admitted on surrender of *John Glover* to copyhold at *Hobbes Lane's End*, in fee.

At court 19th November, 1734, death found of *Susan Cobb*, formerly *Susan Jessupp*, wife of *Edmund Cobb*, and *Francis Jessupp* her uncle and heir admitted to copyhold which said *Susan* took as sister and heir of *Matthew Jessupp*, and surrendered to use of *Gibson Lucas* of *Shipdham*, Gent., absolutely.

*John Minn's* conditional surrender to *Edward Bodham* of *Swaffham*, Gent., presented.

At court of *ANTHONY BURWARD*, Gent., lord, &c., 14th August, 1735, referring to surrender passed 25th January, 1729, by *Thomas Trendle*, and regrant to himself until marriage between *John Trendle*, one of his sons, and *Lydia Diggins*, spinster, daughter of *Nicholas Diggins* of *Brandon*, Suffolk, yeoman, and then to use of said *John Trendle* for life, and after, &c., of said *Lydia* for life, with remainder to the heirs of their bodies, and ultimately the right heirs of said *John* for ever; which said *John* and *Lydia* died without issue; at this court *Francis Trendle*, the younger brother of said *John*, claimed to be heir according to the custom of the manor, and was so admitted; but, as has been before observed, without right, such not being the custom of the manor.

At court 1st December, 1737, a surrender was presented as passed by *Francis Jessupp* in 1734 to the use of *Gibson Lucas* of *Shipdham*, Gent., absolutely, who was now admitted.

The death of *William Gooding* was presented.

At court 4th December, 1739, on the surrender of *Edward Case*, John *Barkley* of St. James', Westminster, Gent., and *Theophilus Lowe* of Stiffkey in Norf., Clerk, were admitted to copyhold, before *Jerrard's*; and also acknowledged free tenure of other land.

*Benjamin Norris*, only son and heir of John Norris, deceased, was admitted to copyhold, before *Buscall's*.

*Catherine*, wife of Henry Fenn of West Bradenham, cooper, and *Mary Gooding*, daughters and coheirs of William *Gooding*, deceased, were admitted.

Three courts of William Thomson, Esq., as lord, on 8th March, 1740, 22nd June and 9th November, 1741, before Richard Love, Gent., steward, are entered here. At the latter—

After the death of *Dianah Clemence*, *Thomas Bullock*, Esq., eldest son of William Bullock late of Sturston, deceased, who was eldest brother of the said Dianah, was admitted as her nephew and heir to copyhold which the said Dianah, by the name of *Dianah Lane*, took from John Glover in 1733.

At court 4th June, 1744, John *Clements* of West Bradenham, Gent., was admitted on the surrender of John Coble.

Alienation of freehold by John Bird to John Glover, Gent., presented.

Death presented of *Ellen Lawrence*, widow, seized of freehold lands which had descended to *Matthew Helcot*, Gent.; also death presented of *John Covell*, Gent.

At court 1st November, 1744, under the will of *John Covell*, described as late of Wisbeach and now of King's Lynn, Gent., dated 12th May, 1742, by which he devised all his real estate in Holme Hale, &c., which descended to him paternally, unto *Robert Colville* of Newton Colville, Esq., and to *Spelman Swaine* of Leverington (both in the Isle of Ely), and to the survivor of them, in fee upon certain trusts, the said Spelman Swaine was admitted to copyhold lands of this manor in Holme Hale.

At court 10th October, 1748, conditional surrender presented from James Trundle to Thomas Trendle.

At court 23rd June, 1749, before John Chrisp, Gent., deputy steward, Robert Crowe, sole executor of *Edward Bodham* of Swaffham, grocer, deceased, acknowledged satisfaction on John Norris's conditional surrender.

At court 6th November, 1750, James Smyth of East Dereham, Gent., steward: upon the death of *Francis Jessop*, *Thomas Ewan* of Swanton Morley, Clerk, his nephew and heir-at-law, was admitted to *North Field* Pightle and land at *Snape Meadow*, late of Samuel Jessop; and acknowledged free tenure.

Proclamation for the heirs of Edmund Gooding, deceased.

At the general court of 1st August, 1753, James Smyth of East Dereham, Gent., is named as lord, and Nathaniel North, Gent., steward.

At court 1st August, 1753, under the will of *Thomas Trendle*, dated 1st May, 1746, giving all his estate which he purchased of his cousin Thomas Rudd, and the land which he bought of the Daws's in East Bradenham, unto Thomas Trendle his son; the said Thomas the son was admitted to the copyhold parts, in which we find land in *Hunts Field*, in *Lingholme*, &c., the tenement Cardious and also a messuage called *Cardious*, and lands of several other tenements in West Bradenham—*Aldwin*, *Quicks*, *Baggs*, *Grubbs*, *Bairdice*; also at *Lingham Falgate*, in *Long Meadow*, in *Rydon Field* at *Rydons*, in *Broadland*, in *Hunts Field* or the *Bottom Field*, &c., all apparently in West Bradenham, and late of Thomas Rudd. And under the same will the testator devised to his son Francis Trendle his estate wherein he then dwelt, and land purchased of Thomas Fenn; and said Francis was admitted to copyhold land in *Lingham Field*, to the messuage in which Thomas Trendle the elder formerly lived, called *Marches*; and also another messuage, &c., late of John Blyford and Mary his wife, as well as to other copyhold lands in *Lingham Field*; in all which said Thomas Trendle the son released all right to Francis. And further, by the same will, Thomas Trendle the father devised to his son Forby Trendle a house and land which he purchased of Thomas Fenn; and Forby Trendle was admitted to the messuage called *Baggs*, &c.

Under the will of *John Minn*, deceased, dated 4th March, 1747, all his copyholds of this manor were devised unto Randall Minn his son, in fee, who died shortly after his father without admittance, whereupon

John Minn of Little Fransham, farmer, nephew and heir-at-law of Randall, being only son and heir of Nicholas Minn, deceased, who was eldest brother of said Randall, was admitted to copyhold messuage and lands in West Bradenham, late of said John Minn, deceased, before of Edward Bodham, Gent., including a messuage, &c., called *Bloggs in Little Fransham*. And John Minn of Little Fransham, farmer, brother of said Randall, released to said John Minn his nephew.

At court 23rd November, 1755, John Minn the younger paid a fine for license to waste a small barn.

Court 25th January, 1757, before John Cleever, Gent., steward.

Court 29th November, 1757, before Joshua Wright, Gent., steward.

At that court *Edward Rust* of Little Massingham, Gent., was admitted on the surrender of *Theophilus Lowe*, Clerk, to copyholds which said Theophilus Lowe and Mr. John Barkley, since deceased, took as joint tenants from *Edward Case* in 1739, and acknowledged free tenure of other lands.

Upon the death of *Edward Rust* in 1797, this estate descended to his only daughter and heir, *Ann Claxton*, the wife of *Thomas Smyth* of East Dereham, Gent. (afterwards lord of this manor), and is now held by his granddaughter *Ann Elizabeth*, the wife of the Rev. W. Tuck.

*Thomas Rudd* was admitted to copyhold land on the surrender of *William Munshaw*.

*Thomas Holman* of Swaffham, farmer, a copyhold tenant, paid for license to cut down six oak timber trees and one ash timber on copyhold land.

At court 31st January, 1758, under the will of *Edmund Beaghan*, Esq., deceased, dated 3rd December, 1724, all his estate in Norfolk was given to his eldest son, *Edmund Hungate Beaghan*, for life, and to the first son of his body in tail male. And said E. H. Beaghan having died before court of 25th January, 1757, *George Beaghan*, Esq., only son and heir of the body of said E. H. Beaghan, was admitted to copyholds before Green's in tail male.

*William Monshaw* acknowledged freehold in West Bradenham, formerly of *Robert Monshaw*.

At court 10th April, 1759, under the will of *Thomas Trendle* [date not given], *Francis Trendle* his brother was admitted to copyholds late of *Thomas Trendle* the father, and *Elizabeth Trendle*, widow of deceased, acknowledged free tenure of certain freehold lands.

The fine due on the admission of *Elizabeth Hodson* under the will of *George Hodson*, her late husband, was reduced "in regard to her great age and sickness."

Proclamations for the heirs of *Mary*, late wife of *William Case*, and for the heirs of *Gibson Lucas*, Esq.

At court 4th December, 1759 (*Edward Paulett Heyhoe*, Gent., steward), *Sarah*, the wife of *Edmund Strudwick*, Esq., was admitted as only daughter and heir of *Gibson Lucas*, Esq., deceased, to copyhold before of *Francis Jessupp*, and acknowledged free tenure of eighteen acres of wood called *Over Shorte Wood* or *Covyn Close*.

At court 4th December, 1759, a surrender by *Spelman Swaine* of *Leverington*, Esq., to the use of his will was presented.

Proclamation for the heirs of *William Mason*, Esq., a freehold tenant, deceased.

At court 8th December, 1760, *Amy Monshaw*, widow, acknowledged tenure of freehold lands, &c., late of *William Monshaw* her husband, deceased.

At court 5th June, 1762, under the will of *Spelman Swaine*, Esq., deceased, dated 15th October preceding, *Daniel Swaine*, the devisee therein named, was admitted to copyhold lands before of *John Covell*, Gent.

A surrender was presented from *Thomas Ewin*, Clerk, to the use of *John Moy* of *Norwich*, Gent., absolutely.

At court 7th May, 1763, (*Charles Marston*, Gent., steward), *Mary Case* of *King's Lynn*, widow, *Susanna*, wife of *Job Flood*, and *Elizabeth*, wife of *William Fletcher*, were admitted as daughters and coheirresses of *Mary*, the late wife of *James Eldred*, before *Mary Gooding*, widow of *Edmund Gooding*, to copyhold before of said *Edmund Gooding*.

The death of *Thomas Melsop* was presented.

At court 12th December, 1763, under the will of *Thomas Melsop*, dated 5th March, 1761, by which he devised to Mary, the wife of *John Vincent* of Beetly, farmer, in fee, all his real estate in West Bradenham and East Bradenham, &c., the said Mary Vincent was admitted to copyhold lands before of William Melsop the uncle. And upon the absolute surrender of Vincent and wife, *John Windham Bowyer* of St. George's, Hanover Square, co. Middlesex, Esq., was admitted to copyholds before Melsop's.

*John Moy*, Gent., was admitted on the surrender of the Rev. *Thomas Ewin*, and acknowledged free tenure.

*James Nelson* of East Dereham, mercer, was admitted on the surrender of *John Minn the younger* of Little Fransham, to copyhold before of Randall Minn, but upon certain trusts referred to in a deed.

*John Glover* of the city of London, Gent., acknowledged free tenure of lands and tenements in Little Fransham.

*William Mason* of Necton, Esq., acknowledged free tenure of four and a half acres of land called New Close, in West Bradenham and Necton, and also of a messuage called *Brydes*, with a croft of one acre and a half, and of *Round Close*, two acres, and two other small pieces.

At court 9th November, 1767 (before the lord in person, entitled Esquire; *John Robinson*, steward), under the will of *Francis Trendle*, dated 2nd December, 1766, whereby he devised his real estate in West Bradenham, East Bradenham, and Swaffham, unto his nephew *Forby Trendle*, son of his brother *Forby Trendle*, in fee, the said *Forby Trendle* the younger, of West Bradenham, farmer, was admitted to copyholds (altogether 57a. 3r. 0p., with three messuages, two tenements, &c.) and acknowledged free tenure.

At court 6th June, 1769 (*Thomas Smyth*, Gent., steward), *George Edmund Beaghan*, Esq., of St. James', Westminster, in power of attorney dated 20th April same year, reciting will of *Edmund Beaghan* his grandfather, by which estate was devised to testator's eldest son *Edmund Hungate Beaghan* for life, &c., and that he, said *George Edmund Beaghan*, was tenant in tail as eldest son of the body of his said father, he appointed *Thomas Watts* of East Dereham, Gent., and *Philip Lyon* of Little Fransham, farmer, attorneys to suffer recovery of copyholds and surrender same to use of *Edward Buckley Batson* of Lombard Street, London, Esq., absolutely, which was duly performed, and Mr. Batson admitted.

At court 12th March, 1771, *William Girling* of West Bradenham, farmer, and *Ann* his wife, were admitted on surrender of *Henry Childerhouse* of East Bradenham, Gent.

*Forby Trendle*, jun., had license to fell timber, and paid fine.

At court 4th November, 1772, after the death of *Thomas Bullock*, Esq., *Thomas Bullock* of Norwich, Gent., youngest son and customary heir of deceased, (represented by the Rev. *Colby Bullock*, Clerk) was admitted to copyhold before of *Diana Clemence*.

After the death of *Sarah*, wife of *Edmund Strudwick*, Esq., her youngest son and customary heir, *Edmund Strudwick*, a student of Pembroke Hall, Cambridge, a minor of about nineteen, was admitted to copyhold before of *Gibson Lucas*, Esq.

*George Lucas Strudwick* of Shipdham, Esq., acknowledged soccage tenure of freehold.

At court 27th December, 1773, *Thomas Bullock*, late of Norwich, and then of Swaffham, Gent., surrendered his copyhold to the use of *Colby Bullock* of Shipdham, Clerk, absolutely, who was admitted.

At court 23rd January, 1777, *Forby Trendle* was admitted as devisee of *Forby Trendle* his father, deceased.

At court December 11th, 1777, *William Trundle* of Gayton Thorpe, farmer, by *James Trundle* of East Dereham, his brother, acknowledged free tenure of land.

At court 25th September, 1780, under the will of *John Windham Bowyer*, Esq., of Upper Grosvenor Street, St. George's, Hanover Square, dated 17th June, 1755, *Mary* his widow was admitted in fee.

At court 21st November, 1781, after the death of *John Moy*, *Susanna Maria Iveson* of Norwich, widow, was admitted.

*William Mason*, Esq., was admitted on surrender of *Edward Sharpin* of Holt, M.D., to copyhold land in Necton.

Virtue *Baldwin*, widow, was admitted under forfeited conditional surrender of Baxter and wife. She became Virtue Elwin.

At court 8th November, 1786, under forfeited conditional surrender passed in 1771 by Edward Grove and wife, late Mary Gooding,<sup>1</sup> to *William Girling* of East Dereham, Gent., *Christopher Andrews Girling* of East Dereham, Esq., executor of said William Girling, deceased, was admitted.

At court 10th October, 1787, Edmund *Farrer* of Necton, tanner, was admitted on surrender of Henry Fenn.

At court 16th November, 1790, on death of Mary *Windham Bowyer*, widow, whose death was found 12th November, 1788, Joseph Windham, Esq., was admitted as only son and heir.

At court 9th November, 1791, William *Denn* of Shipdham, Gent., was admitted on surrender of Edmund *Strudwick*, Esq., and was succeeded in 1795 by Robert Denn, Esq.

At court 28th January, 1793, license was granted to Forby Trendle to enclose piece of waste, also to waste a copyhold cottage.

Forby Trendle was the younger son of Forby Trendle, who was a brother of Francis Trendle, who was a brother of Thomas Trendle, eldest son of Thomas Trendle,—Forby being the third.

The names Trendle and Trundle are sometimes confused in the court books. Thomas *Trendle* had a conveyance in 1757 from James Smyth, Esq., of three closes of land near a place called *White Oak*, which came to Elizabeth his widow, and afterwards to Forby Trendle above named, his son.

In 1760 James *Trundle* of East Dereham, baker, held lands and tenements, and had also a copyhold messuage and land in 1730, held in 1678 by William *Trundle* of East Bradenham, butcher; in 1680 by his son Thomas (during whose minority Jane his mother was guardian), to whom James Trundle succeeded in 1730 as youngest son and heir.<sup>2</sup>

In 1795 Christopher Jefferies *Denn*, called youngest brother and (erroneously) heir according to the custom of the manor of William Denn, late of Shipdham, deceased, surrendered to the use of Robert Denn of Marden Ash in High Ongar, co. Essex, Esq. Robert Denn was the son of Thomas Denn of Ongar, Esq., (who died October, 1790, and was buried at Shipdham), by Mary, late Vincent, his wife. Robert Denn left a large estate, both real and personal, which he gave by will to the children of his sisters Long and Hall.

At court 19th December, 1798, Sir *George Berney Brograve*, Bart., acknowledged free tenure of land late of Jane Halcott, widow.

27th November, 1800. This was the date of the first court of THOMAS SMYTH as lord.

At court 12th September, 1803, a recovery was suffered under a power of attorney from Edward *Buckley Batson*, Esq., theretofore of Lombard Street, and then of Upward Woodyates, Wilts, (who had survived Charles Freake his co-trustee and devisee named in the will of Thomas Bridges of Headlow, co. Surrey), and Thomas Truesdale Clarke, Esq., only surviving son of the Rev. Thomas Clarke, late of Stoakely, Clerk, who was a devisee named in the same will, as to the copyhold parts of the estate late of G. E. *Beagham*, Esq., in Holme Hale and West Bradenham, which were then vested in Thomas Truesdale Clarke absolutely.

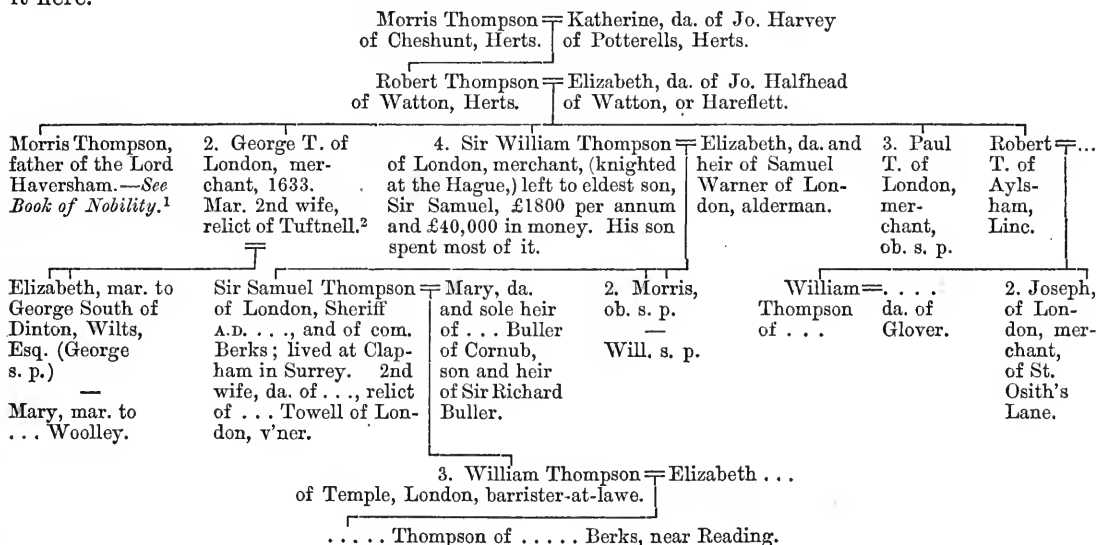
I do not think it necessary to make any apology for the copious abstracts I have taken from the manorial records; for, besides the objects of the recommendation of Mr. Kemble before mentioned, they afford authorities for pedigrees of the families of lords of neighbouring manors, and other estates, and also the names of the inhabitants of the village during the last

<sup>1</sup> Catharine, Mary, Susanna, and Elizabeth Gooding were coheirs of Edmund Gooding, deceased.

<sup>2</sup> William Trundle, by will 7th December, 1802, gave estate to William Trundle his nephew in fee.

two centuries and upwards; some of them, notably that of Monshaw, being resident there for many generations; and others, as Rudd, Nelson, Trundle, &c., remaining almost to the present day. In fact, not to mention the names of fields and other localities in the parish, these records, in conjunction with the extracts from the registers, afford materials for the annals of the parish during the period.

As the following PEDIGREE OF THOMPSON in Le Neve's *Knights* differs somewhat from that given in the preceding pages 9, 10, besides supplying additional information, I insert it here.



<sup>1</sup> "See my Pedigree of Lord Haversham in the *Book of Nobility*. See my copy of the Visitation of Herts, fol. 5."—Le Neve.

<sup>2</sup> "The first wife of George was Elizabeth, daughter of James Britland of Thorncliffe, Cheshire. Second was Abigail, daughter of . . ., relict of — Hill, Baron of the Exchequer."—Le Neve.

## THE MANOR AND ESTATE OF BOKENHAM HALL IN WEST BRADENHAM.

In an old Minute Book of Acts of Court, previous to 1604, this manor is styled sometimes *Buckenham Hall* and sometimes *Buckenhall*, and in some ancient title deeds, &c., *Bokenham Hall alias Pelstees in West Bradenham*.

Thomas Wyskard of Fransham Parva, Gent., was found to have died in the 30th year of Henry VIII, 1538, seized of eighteen acres of land called *Old Shortwood*, and other lands, &c., in West Bradenham, which were held of William Keyley, Knt., as of the

manor of West Bradenham in soccage, except twenty acres voc. *Le Leys*, which were held of the "Wardens and parishioners of *Nekton*"<sup>1</sup> as of *their manor of "Pelses alias Bokenham Hall in West Bradenham"* in soccage, which on his death came to John Wyskard his son and heir, aged at the caption of the inquisition thirty years and more.

In a rental of the 5th year of Queen Elizabeth there were nine separate rents, amounting to ten shillings a year, payable to this manor, mostly free rents; but in 1779 the greater part of these had either been lost or merged, and there remained but three copyhold tenants. The custom of descent differs from that of the capital manor, being the same as at common law.

Paul Miller, alias Mason, of Necton, in his will dated 15th May, 1559, gave "to Paul my younger son my seignory or manor called Buckenham Hall als. Pelsys in West and East Bradenham and Scarning," which he bought of Sir Thomas Woodhouse, Knight.

It was probably formed of lands, rents, and services, granted to the Priory of Buckenham at or about the same time as the rectory; or it may have been a manor belonging to the rectory, and coming to the Crown with the other possessions of the priory, was granted distinct from the rectory. It is not mentioned by Parkyn in the continuation of Blomefield, and the earliest record is a Minute Book of the first year of Queen Elizabeth, commencing with the first court of Paul Miller, alias Mason.

From 1638, 14th Car. I., when Paul Mason was lord, to 20th November, 14th Car. II., the minutes are wanting; but it appears from a subsequent recital that, in 1652, William Melsopp, Gent., was lord, and on 12th August, 1675, Thomas Melsop, Gent., held his first court. Of this family I have the following notes (some of which have been already given):—

In 1639, 15th Car. I., in the court books of West Bradenham with the Members, is entered a letter of attorney, dated 2nd December in that year, from Thomas Cory of the Middle Temple, Esq., Chief Prothonotary of the Common Pleas, to surrender copyholds of that manor (called tenement Quicks, and two acres late of John Monshaw), to the use of William Melsopp of Barton Bendish in Norfolk, Gent. In 1645, in the same manor, William Melsop, Gent., acknowledged free tenure of a grove containing eighteen acres and a wood called *Overshort Wood* or *Coryn Close* in West Bradenham, late of Robert Davy, Gent., and purchased by the said William of Thomas Cory. William Melsopp, by his will dated 9th June, 1663, gave to William Melsop his son his messuage and lands in West Bradenham (including three closes, containing thirty acres, called *Cocks* and *Millers*), subject to an annuity to Ann his wife. He gave to Henry Melsop his son his houses and lands called Lovells which were late his mother's jointure; and to Thomas Melsop his son one close called *Buckenham Hall*, with the *royalty* thereto belonging, in Bradenham, and a close called *Buckenham Lowes*, and thirty-one acres in *Reeds Croft*, and one acre in *Snipps Meadow*, when

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<sup>1</sup> In what manner the parishioners or churchwardens of Necton had the property of this lordship, or how or when they parted with it, I have no idea. It is possible that it may have been in respect of Curteys' Chantry hereinafter mentioned.



he should attain twenty-one, with contingent remainder to son Henry. Also to son Richard a messuage, &c., in *Eastmore Row* when he should attain twenty-one, with contingent remainder to Thomas.

Thomas Melsop, Gent., held his first court for the manor 12th August, 1675; his father having died in 1667.

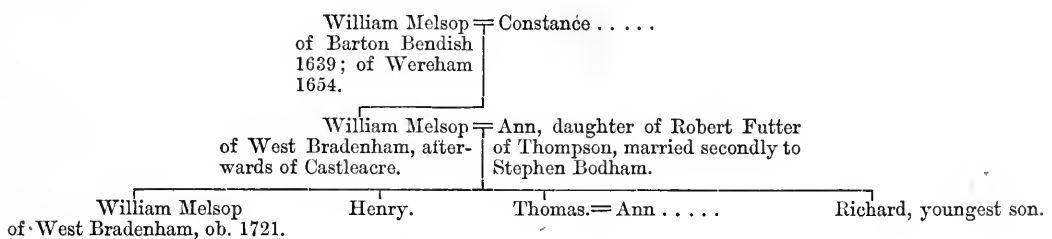
Richard Melsop was the youngest son, and as customary heir was admitted to copyholds of West Bradenham.

Thomas had attained full age in 1674, and sold the manor of Bokenham Hall with twenty-eight acres of land, to Samuel Jessopp, Gent., of East Bradenham, in 1679. The parties to the conveyance were Thomas Melsop of Wymondham, farmer, and Ann his wife, and William Melsop of West Bradenham, Gent., eldest son and heir of William Melsop, late of Castleacre, Gent., deceased; the purchaser being described as Samuel Jessopp of East Bradenham, physician, and the parcels as the manor of *Bokenham Hall alias Pelstees*, and a close of pasture or grove of eight acres, also a close of twenty acres called *Bokenham Lawes*; <sup>1</sup> the purchase-money for which was £300, and a fine was levied.

In 1680, Henry Warner of Mildenhall, Esq. (then lord of the chief manor), conveyed to Samuel Jessopp in fee a pasture called Clay-pit Close in West Bradenham, with a small piece at the end called *the Entry*, the consideration being £50. And at the same time Jessopp conveyed to Warner a piece of land between the grove or wood of said Jessopp, and the grove or wood of Robert Downing, used for a way to Warner's close called *the Lays*.

By deed dated 1st November, 1680, to which Thomas Melsop and Ann his wife, William Melsop, Robert Allison of North Elmham, yeoman, and Alice his wife, John Rudd of East Bradenham, woolcomber, and Elizabeth his wife, and Osbert Parsley of Feltwell, yeoman, and Frances his wife, Thomas Rudd of West Bradenham, the elder, farmer, Thomas Markant of Wendling, Gent., and Alice Swanton of Feltwell, widow, sister and heir of Adam Denton late of Feltwell, yeoman, and said Samuel Jessopp, were parties, the uses of the fine were declared to enure, as to the said premises, to the use of Jessopp in fee.

#### PEDIGREE OF MELSOPP.



Marie, wife of Nicholas Mellsopp, Gent., was buried at Necton 24th September, 1627.

Thomas Mellsop, Gent., buried there 26th May, 1655.

Robert Daye, Esq., of Scoulton, barrister-at-law, eldest son and heir of Thomas Daye of Scoulton, Esq., by Barbara his wife, daughter of Philip Calthorpe of Gressenhall, Esq., married Sarah, daughter of William Melsop, who died 27th May, 1740.

<sup>1</sup> Lowes, Lawes, Lays, and Leys are probably the same.

In 1683 Mr. Warner also conveyed to Jessopp in fee an inclosure of feeding or pasture, forty-six acres called *the Layes*, between lands of Sir William Goulston and lands of John Whitby, and abutting on *Bokenham Hall Close*.

William Melsopp of West Bradenham, Gent., gave his estate in East and West Bradenham to his cousin Thomas Melsopp of Norwich, worstead weaver, who by his will dated 5th March, 1761, devised to Mary, wife of John Vincent of Beetley, farmer, all his lands in East and West Bradenham, late of William Melsop his uncle. He died at Colton.

Samuel Jessopp, the physician, who purchased in 1680 fifty-two acres of land adjoining that bought of Melsopp, from Henry Warner, as above said, was dead in 1693, having by his will, dated 25th February, 1691, devised the manor and estate to Samuel Jessopp his eldest son, but in case of his death before twenty-one, without lawful issue, to such of testator's children, sons and daughters, that should be living, equally. Samuel dying a minor, it devolved under a limitation in the same will to his other children, Susanna (afterwards wife of William Ewin, Clerk), Matthew Jessopp of East Bradenham, M.D., and Francis Jessopp, as tenants in common.

After the death of Samuel Jessopp, Mary Jessopp his widow was admitted in the manor of Holme Hale to land in *East Bradenham* copyhold of that manor, lying next *Dunbridge Meadow* and *le inclausam voc. Harrowings*, which said Samuel took on surrender of James Barwick, Gent., 26th September, 1678.

In 1708 Samuel Needham of West Bradenham, Clerk, was admitted on surrender of Matthew Jessopp to his third part, as well as to the thirds of Francis and Susanna, on their respective surrenders as to the Holme Hale copyhold.

Susanna, described as of Watton, spinster, by indentures dated 21st and 22nd August, 1716, conveyed her undivided third in the premises to her brother Francis (of Watton, Gent.) for £155; and by an indenture dated 20th June, 1731, and fine levied, Edmund Cobb of Wisbech St. Peter's, and Susanna his wife, who was only daughter and heiress of Matthew Jessopp of East Bradenham, M.D., deceased, conveyed another third to the said Edmund Cobb in fee, in which the property is described as a messuage wherein Robert Thompson formerly dwelt, with the land, &c., belonging, theretofore called *Lovells* and then *Woodhouse*, containing thirty-five acres; meadow and pasture called *Coven Close*, eighteen acres; pasture called *Bunting* sometime *Futter's*, containing forty acres; all in West Bradenham, East Bradenham, and Scarning; and also eighty acres in West Bradenham called *the Laws*, in the occupation of Matthew Clements.

By indentures 4th and 5th October, 1734, the said Edmund Cobb conveyed to the Rev. *William Ewen* of Merton, Clerk, in fee, his third part of the manor and twenty-eight acres and of the other lands before described.

The said Francis Jessopp, who died at Swanton Morley in 1749, by his will dated 21st November in that year (proved 16th February following), devised his two third parts of the manor and estate to Thomas Ewin of Cambridge, Gent., and Francis Nowell of Soham in Cambridgeshire, surgeon, upon trust for his (testator's) niece Susanna Maria, the wife of Joshua Larwood of Norwich, surgeon, during her life, with remainders in succession to her

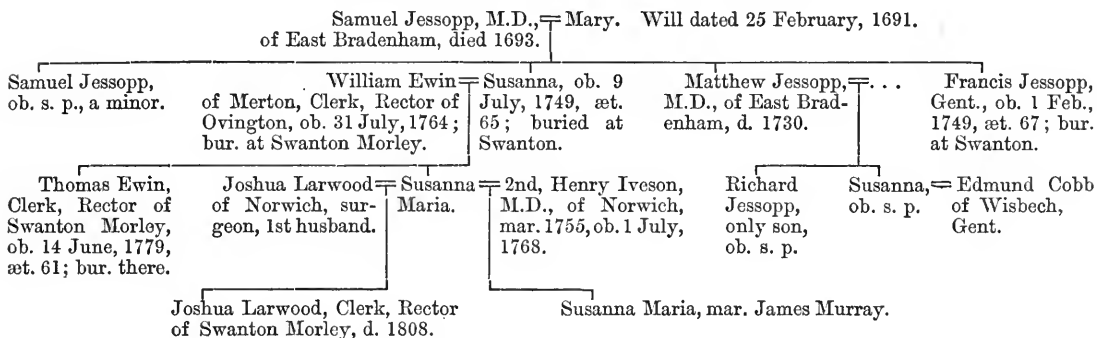
sons in tail general, and to her daughters as tenants in common, with remainder in trust for his nephew Thomas Ewin, Clerk, &c.

The will of the said Mary Jessopp, the widow, is dated 25th February, 1691, under which, in the event of the death of any of her sons, Samuel, Matthew, and Francis, before twenty-one without issue, and of her daughter Susanna before marriage, the survivors were to inherit, and Matthew, Francis, and Susanna succeeded accordingly.

#### PEDIGREE OF JESSOPP.

*Arms of Jessopp*:—Argent, two bars azure between nine mullets gules 3, 3, and 3.

*Arms of Ewin*:—Sable, a chevron between three lis or.



The said *William Ewin* by his will, dated 16th April, 1762, (proved 16th August, 1764), gave the third part of the manor, &c., of Bokenham Hall, with all lands, &c., in West Bradenham, unto his daughter Susanna Maria, the wife of Henry Iveson of Norwich, M.D., if living at his (testator's) decease, in fee.

*William Ewin* the testator died 31st July, 1764, and his will was proved by *Susanna Maria Iveson*, the executrix, who survived her husband. But some doubt having arisen as to the validity of that will, a suit in Chancery was instituted, which by the intervention of *Thomas Green, Esq.*, of *Elsing*, and *John Patteson, Esq.*, of *Norwich*, was compromised, under which *Thomas Ewin* relinquished all title as heir-at-law of his father, and *Iveson* and wife gave up the next turn of presentation to the Rectory of *Swanton Morley*, the entire advowson of which was conveyed to him by *John Moy*. And said *Thomas Ewin* confirmed to said *Susanna Maria Iveson* in fee the said third part of *Bokenham Hall*.

She by her will, dated 14th February, 1792, (proved 25th February, 1797), devised to *James Murray, Esq.*, her son-in-law, in fee, all her real estates in *Watton*, *Carbrooke*, *East and West Bradenham*, in *Norfolk*, and in places in the *Isle of Ely* and county of *Cambridge*. And in the last-mentioned year, 1797, the *Rev. Joshua Larwood*, Clerk, Rector of *Swanton Morley*, who was the devisee in tail under the will of *Francis Jessopp*, barred the entail and acquired the fee simple of the two third parts of the said manor and lands, described as the manor of "*Bokenham Hall alias Pelstees*," and other hereditaments in *West Bradenham*, &c.

*Mr. Larwood*, thus having two thirds and *Mr. Murray* the remaining third part of this

manor and estate, sold in 1806 the entirety of the estate, containing about eighty-one acres, to Christopher Andrews Girling of East Dereham, Esq., for £1500, and he in 1814 gave it by deed to his younger son, Barry Girling, Esq., then Captain in the East Norfolk Militia and a Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Norfolk, who lately died lord.

In clearing out the moat near the present farm-house, about the end of the last century, was found a small paten of very old silver, which was believed to have been part of the plate of the Gurdons of Letton, which had been stolen, and was identified as such by a servant of that family at a Jew's shop in Dereham, to whom it had been sold.

Matthew Jessopp, Gent., held his court for the manor of Bokenham Hall in 1709, when Richard Warner, Gent., was steward.

In 1719, March 26th, Francis Jessopp was lord, and John Muston, Gent., was steward. At that court Susanna Tompson, widow, acknowledged soccage tenure of freehold lands late of Arthur Davy.

Here was an interval until court 13th October, 1735, when James Martin was steward. In 1749 Thomas Day, Gent., steward, and in 1757 Edward Harvey, Gent. At the latter court, 21st November, 1757, under the will of Thomas Holman of North Pickenham, farmer, deceased, Thomas Holman his son was admitted to two acres of land in West Bradenham in *Bokenham Hall Field*, between the *Markett Meer* north and vicarage land (before Whitbys.)

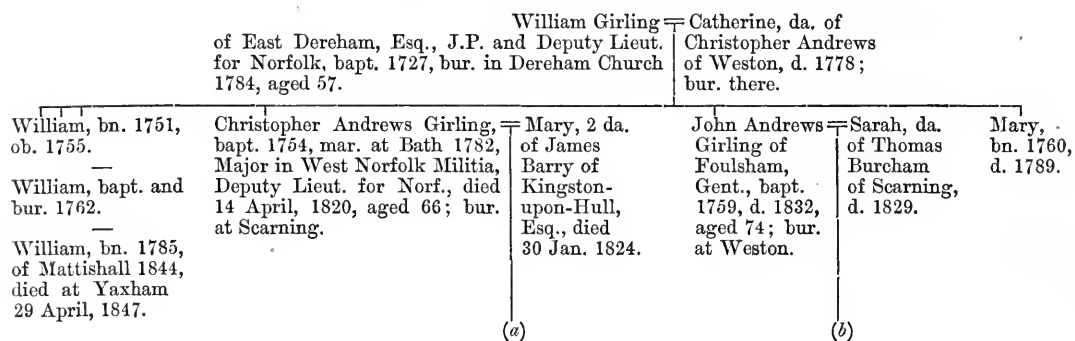
On 29th December, 1758, an admission took place out of court before William Ewin, Clerk, and Susanna the wife of Henry Iveson, M.D., lord and lady of the manor, at their dwelling-house in St. Peter of Mancroft, Norwich, Edward Harvey acting as steward.

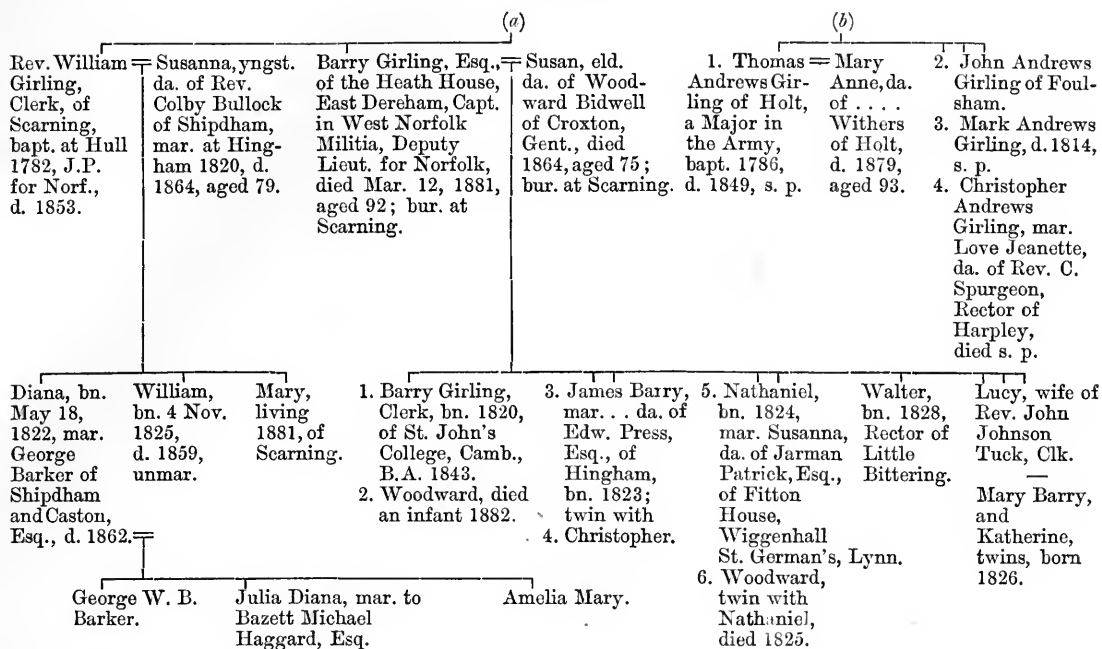
At the next general court, 17th April, 1780, Thomas Blake, Gent, was steward, when the death of Thomas Holman was presented; and at a court 25th July in that year, Thomas Holman, Gent., only son and heir of deceased, was admitted, and surrendered to the use of Mary Holman of Swaffham, widow, conditionally, to secure payment of annuity.

At court 21st June, 1785, James Smyth, Esq., lord of the manor of West Bradenham, acknowledged soccage tenure of freehold land late of Mrs. Thompson.

In 1781 Daniel Swaine paid a fine for felling timber on copyhold of this manor in Holme Hale and West Bradenham.

#### PEDIGREE OF GIRLING OF SCARNING.





WOTTENS MANOR FARM IN WEST AND EAST BRADENHAM.

The Rev. Luke Skippon, D.D., was in 1671 possessed of one hundred and fifty acres of land in East Bradenham, West Bradenham, and Saham Toney, called "Wottens," which he and Elizabeth his wife in that year conveyed to Matthew Halcott, Esq., the younger, of Litcham; previous to whose marriage with Ellen, daughter of Thomas Patrick, the manor and lands called *Wottens*, together with lands in Great Fransham, Hoe, Dereham, Mileham, &c., were conveyed in settlement. And again, on the marriage of Matthew Halcott, Esq., of Hoe, (the grandson of the above marriage) with Jane his second wife, daughter of David Jones of Fakenham, were by deeds, in March, 1746,—to which the last-named Matthew Halcott (described as "eldest son and heir-at-law of Matthew Halcott, late of Litcham, Esq., deceased, who was eldest son and heir of Matthew Halcott the younger, late of Litcham, tanner"), the said Jane Jones, the said David Jones, William Heard of Kempston, Gent., and John Jones of Fakenham, merchant, were parties,—settled, after the decease of the settlor, on the issue of the marriage in tail male, with ultimate remainder to Halcott in fee simple.

Of this marriage there was issue two daughters only, of whom Jane, the elder, became

the second wife of Berney Brograve of Worstead, Esq.<sup>1</sup> Articles, in contemplation of this marriage, for settlement of her estate,—she being a minor,—were dated 20th January, 1769; and by indenture dated 1st and 2nd January, 1771, between Jane Halcott of Norwich, widow of said Matthew Halcott, theretofore of Hoe next East Dereham, but late of Norwich, Esq., deceased, said Berney Brograve and Jane his wife, and Elizabeth Halcott, spinster, (said Jane and Elizabeth only children of said Matthew and Jane his wife), Abel Bradley, Gent., and Francis Longe of Spixworth, Gent., (Jane having attained twenty-one and Elizabeth aged twenty) the estate was settled; as to one moiety, giving a power of appointment to Brograve; and as to the other moiety, after the death of the widow, to the use of Elizabeth in fee. A recovery was afterwards suffered in the same year<sup>2</sup> of the whole estate, the uses of which were declared of one moiety to Brograve in fee, and of the other to Elizabeth, who had attained twenty-one, in fee.

In February, 1776, a settlement was made of the share of Elizabeth, prior to her marriage with Joseph Glover the younger of the city of Worcester, merchant (Rowland Hill of Bewdley, co. Worcester, Gent., being named a trustee), in which she is stated to be entitled to £1800 money in her own right; and her remainder in Wottens was settled on Glover in fee; and he, in January, 1789, described of Poole Hall near Bewdley, conveyed it to Brograve in fee. And so the entire estate became the absolute property of Sir George Berney Brograve of Worstead, who was eldest son of the said Berney Brograve by Jane his wife, and was included in certain deeds dated in April, 1800, in which he is described as Sir George Berney Brograve<sup>3</sup> of Worstead, Baronet, previous to his intended marriage with Emma Louisa Whitwell, youngest daughter of Edward Whitwell of Bath, Esq., (her fortune mentioned to be £17,000 consols), by which the estate was vested in

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<sup>1</sup> Berney Brograve's first wife was Jane Hawkes, spinster, who died leaving issue also only two daughters, Julian, afterwards wife of Thomas Gregory, and Ann, afterwards wife of John Rye. Mrs. Gregory died soon after marriage, leaving one child, Ann, aged in 1800 seven years.

<sup>2</sup> Easter Term, 11th George III.

<sup>3</sup> This Baronetcy was distinct from that of Brograve of Hammels, although both families bore the same arms. In Worstead Church is a shield of arms with the following quarterings:—

1. Argent, three lions passant guardant in pale gules—*Brograve*.
2. Quarterly, per fess indented, in first and fourth quarters a crescent, in second and third a leopard's head.
3. Argent, two lions passant guardant gules.
4. Barry wavy gules and ermine.
5. Argent, a bend between six cross crosslets fitchy azure.
6. Quarterly, first and fourth ermine, second and third chequy or and gules.
7. Argent, a chevron gules between two spears' heads sable.
8. Gules, a griffin segreant or within a bordure engrailed argent.
9. Argent, two chevronels between four billets sable.
10. Quarterly, gules and argent, over all a cross engrailed azure—*Berney*.
11. A hawk standing on a perch.

Impaling, Lozengy gules and or within a bordure azure—*Halcott*. Of the inscription upon the monument I have lost the copy.

trustees for sale for payment of his debts; and accordingly in 1805 Sir George and the trustees sold and conveyed it to John Dugmore of Swaffham, Esq., under whose will it came to Captain John Day, and after his death it was purchased by Mr. Haggard.

At the time of the inclosure the estate of Sir George Berney Brograve was 124a. 2r. 27p., in which, within a pasture called *Moat Meadow*, as appears by the award map, is shown two sides of a square moat. This, for perhaps the last hundred years, has been known as the "Cake Farm." It is supposed that the farm-house, being situate near the parish boundary, and at the extreme distance from the village, the parishioners, who according to old custom undertook the task of beating or going the bounds, were usually regaled there with "cakes and ale."

### CHARTERS RELATING TO ISALLS, ISAWES, OR THE GRAZING GROUNDS.

"John Wyngfeld, Esq., to Robert Grome. Feoffment of ISAWYS," 1539.

Sciāt, &c., quod ego Johes Wyngfeld de Stanford in com. Norff. armig' in execucōem pformac' et complement' cuiusdm bargaine et vendicion p me p'fatū Johem cuidem Robto Grome de lavenham in com Suff' clothier ut p quasdm Indentur' inde int' me p'fat Johem et dict Robtm ffact quar' dat est vicesiō die Ap'lis anno regni Henrici octavi dei grā angl. et fraus. regis fidei defensor. dñi hibñ et in terra sup'ri capitis angl' ecclie xxxj<sup>o</sup> plen aparet Dedisse, &c., eidm Robto Grome hered et assing' suis totum illud inclm meam voc. *Isawys* cont' p estimac cent et vigint acr' sive plus sit sive minus iac. in *East Bredneh'm* in com. pdict Heñd et tenend' p'dict inclm meum voc. *Isawys* cum omnibus et singulis suis ptin eidm Robto Grome ad solum pprium vsum ipius Robti hered et assing' suoꝝ impptum p p'sent de capital dno feed' illius p seruic inde debit et de iur' consuet Insup sciāt me p'fat Johem Wyngfeld armig' constituisse attornasse et in loco meo posuisse dilect' michi in Xpo henricum Wylshere meū verum et legitt attorn' in p'dict inclū meū voc. *Isawys* cum omibus, &c., ptin' ad intrand et possession et seiā ind capiend et possession et sciā sic inde capt' et habit' ad deliberand' p me vic. et nōie meo p'fat' Robto Grome hered et assing' s' plen et pac' possession' et seiā scñ porport et effect huius cart mee rat' et grat' h'es et Situr totum et quicquid dict attorn' meus fec' seu egerit in et circ' p'miss ad deliberand possession' et seiā p'dict in forma pdict' adeo p'sise put egomet p'sens psonalit' interesse. In cuius rei testimon' huic p'sent' script' meo sigillum meū apposui. Dat vicesimo die Ap'lis anno regni Henr' octavi, &c., tricesimo primo. [Seal cut off.]

[Signed] by me Jhon Wyngfeld.

[Indorsed.] Virtute istius cart' stat' et seiā public et pac' delibat' fuer' scm' purpot' infra script' p infra nōiat' Henric' Wilshere die et anno infra scrip' in p'sens Robt Ward Robti Ruddys Willi Rudd John Warde Rici Muñce Willi Tudnehm et als.

Sigillat et delibat' fuit die et anno infra script p infra noiat Johem Whyngfyld in p'senc' Johis Grene Robti Holt.

By indenture dated 1st December, 1st and 2nd Philip and Mary (1554), Roger Grome of Lavynham, Suffolk, Clerk, demised to John Futter of Thuxton, Norfolk, yeoman, and John Futter his son, all that his manor called Isawis with the appurtenants in Weste Bradenham, containing by estimation one hundred and twenty acres, to hold from Michaelmas unto seven years at the yearly rent of £8. 10s., and to discharge said Roger against lord and king during the term; and they to stubbe up and grubbe out all furses and small bushes as often as required, and have them sufficiently cleansed at the ends. Futters not to loppe, toppe, shrede, or otherwise dymynyshe any of the trees. [Counterpart bearing the Futters' signatures.]

By deed dated 1st July, Ao. 35th Henry VIII., (1543) William Grome of Lavenham, Suffolk, cloth-maker, son and heir of Robert Grome, deceased, in performance of an agreement between him and Roger Grome his brother, another son of said Robert, released to Roger all messuages, lands, &c., in Elyngton and West Bradenham, and elsewhere in Suffolk, which were the inheritance of said Robert.

Roger Grome of Lavenham, by his will, dated 18th November, 4th Elizabeth, (1562) after devising his manor of Norham in Lachendon, co. Essex, and property in Lavenham to his wife and four sons as therein mentioned, and giving a legacy to his daughter Anne, "Item I will that all my lands in Bradnam in Norff., now in the tenure of . . . Futter called Isall be sould by my executors, &c., and the money to goo towards the paiment of my detts and performance of wille." Wife Margaret sole executrix and residuary legatee. Proved 14th December, 1561 [*sic*] in Archdeaconry of Sudbury.

By indenture dated 20th May, 5th Elizabeth, between Thomas Peppis of South Creke, Gent., executor of the will of Margaret Grome of Lavenham, Suffolk, wydowe and late wife and executrix of Roger Grome, deceased, of one part, and Rychard Myller als. Mason of Neckton, yeoman, and Nycholas Miller als. Mason, of the same town, tanner, of the other part: reciting that Roger Grome by his will, dated 18th November, 4th Elizabeth, wyllled all his lands in Braddenham in the tenure of John Futter, called Isalls als. Ishawys, to be sold by his executors, and that said Margaret, who was such executrix, by her will, dated 14th December in same year, wyllled the same lands to be sold by her executor in accordance with her said husband's will; the said Thomas Peppis, as such executor, for £300 paid by Richard Myller als. Mason, and Nicholas Miller als. Mason, bargained and sold all the lands in East Bradenham and West Bradenham called Isalls als. Isawys, in one close containing by estimation one hundred and twenty acres; all evydences, &c., to be delivered within one year. To hold the said close unto said Richard and Nicholas and their heirs, &c., subject to lease made to John Futter by Roger Grome. Witnessed by William Yelverton, Esq., and others, but seal gone.

By deed dated 10th August, Ao. 9th Elizabeth, Nicholaus Myller als. Mason de Necton, nuper tanner, in pursuance and performance of his agreement contained in certain indentures "per sex legales homines confect'" with Richard Miller als. Mason, his brother, 9th August, 9th Elizabeth, "ac propter securā factionem arbitrii constituti et judicii dict' hominum," released to said Richard his brother, his heirs, &c., all the right and interest which he had or thereafter might have in the eastern part of the close ex antiquo vocato Isalles als. Isaues in Est bradenham et West bradenham secundum arbitrium institutum et judicium d'eorum sex hominum utiq in dictis indenturis longe melius expressus demonstrat'. Witnessed by Nycholas Smyth of Weazenam, John Halman of Castleacre, and others.

The ix day off Awgust Ano Dne Regine Elizabeth the ix<sup>th</sup>.

Thys ys the certyfycate ordre and the awarde jndented of George Cokett, gent., Wyllam Hawke, Robert Constable, Thomas Monshawe, John Coe, and Robert Franc\*, arbytrators, indifferently elected and chosen, as well by and on y<sup>e</sup> pte and behalf of Rychard Myller als. Mason as by and on y<sup>e</sup> pte and behalf of hys brother Nycholas Miller als. Mason of uppō for and concernyng y<sup>e</sup> partycypacyon sepatyng and equall dyuysyon of one close and pasture called *Isalls als. Isaues* in West Bradnham, as followethe:—

FYRSTE, the sayde Rychard Miller als. Mason dyd make a hoole in y<sup>e</sup> mydde pte of y<sup>e</sup> neather ende of the sayd close and pasture called *Isalls als. Isaues*, wher vnto y<sup>e</sup> sayd Nycholas Myller als. Mason hys brother, and all the sayde arbytrators dyd condescende and well agree to be and for ever more to stand for y<sup>e</sup> mydst and mydele pte and equall ptycyon and dyvysyon of y<sup>e</sup> sayde close and pasture, and so leadyng dyrectlye sowthewarde to other hooles and markes in the grownde to an elmyne tree standyng in a crosse dytche nowe in the myddes of y<sup>e</sup> sayd close and pasture beyng marked on bothe sydes w<sup>th</sup> an hatchett, and so passyng on to y<sup>e</sup> upp pasture dyrectlye sowthewarde to an ooke tree standyng in the Furies marked w<sup>th</sup> an hatchett, and so ledyng southewarde to a doole and an hoole made in the ground in the west pte of a pytt



in the myddle pte of the sayde upp close and so passyng southward vnto a polled tree standyng in Mr Downes dytche off y<sup>e</sup> east pte off a style called Watton style as uppon the syght therof more at large shall apere. Yt is fullye consented and agreed by bothe y<sup>e</sup> sayd pties that y<sup>e</sup> sayd Rychard Myller als. Mason shall have, howlde, and peacesybbllye enioye to hym and to hys heyres for ever the one moytie and half pte of the sayde close and pasture called *Isalls* als. *Isawes*, and all the grownde lying on the east pte of the marks and dooles aboue specyfyedd as well in y<sup>e</sup> upp close as in the neather close, to a certen pasture called *brakes and wyles*, in y<sup>e</sup> teno<sup>r</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> sayd Rycharde Myller als. Mason, lying on the east pte of the sayd close and pasture called *Isalls* als. *Isawes*, and also to have and enioye to y<sup>e</sup> sayd Rychard and hys heyres for ever the pownde and powndeyarde in the north ende of the sayd close to gether w<sup>t</sup> all the woodes, tymbr<sup>e</sup>, headge rowes, dytches, weyes, fedyngs, greasyngs, and all other comodyties and proffytes, w<sup>t</sup> the app<sup>t</sup>enanc<sup>e</sup> for the sayde moytie and half pte of y<sup>e</sup> sayd close and pasture called *Isalls* als. *Isawes*, belongyn or app<sup>t</sup>eynyng or heare after maye belonge or app<sup>t</sup>eyne. Except and resarved vnto y<sup>e</sup> sayde Nycholas Myller als. Mason hys heyres and assynes ffor ever hys and thier ffre ingresse, egresse, and regresse in to and ffro and over the northe ende of the sayde moytie and pte of the sayde close and pasture in the occupacyon of the sayde rycharde w<sup>t</sup> cart and horse and dryft cattell to y<sup>e</sup> other moytie and pte in the occupacyon of the sayd nycholas, and also excepted unto the sayde nycholas and his assynges hys and their ffre passage over the northe ende of y<sup>e</sup> close of the sayd rychard vnto a pownde and a pownde yarde in and on y<sup>e</sup> northe pte of y<sup>e</sup> sayd close and ther to jmpounde as well all such cattell as shall do trespase in the sayde moytie and pte of the close of the sayde nycholas as also in the same pownde and pownde yarde to mark and bronde syche cattell as y<sup>e</sup> sayd nycholas myller als. mason or hys assynges shall feede and pasture in hys moytie of the sayde close at all tynes whan and as often as neede shall requyre.

Also yt ys fullye accorded by consent and assent of bothe the sayde pties that y<sup>e</sup> sayd nycholas myller als. mason shall in leeke maner haue houlde and peacesybbllye enioy to hym and hys heyres for ever the other moytie and half pte of the close and pasture called *Isalls* als. *Isawes* lying on the west pts of the marks and dooles aforsayde to y<sup>e</sup> pastures and closes of John Palferymā Robert hoye Symonde bagg and others lying on the west pte of the sayde moytie of the close and pasture called *Isalls* als. *Isawes* and also one pcell of medowe dyuyded w<sup>t</sup> an headge in the north-west corner of the sayde close to gether w<sup>t</sup> all the woodes tymber headgerowes dytches fedyngs and greasyngs and all other comodyties and profytes w<sup>t</sup> the app<sup>t</sup>enanc<sup>e</sup> to the sayde moyte and half pte belongyn or heare after maye belong or app<sup>t</sup>eyne.

Also yt ys agreed that the sayde rychard Myller als. Mason shall geewe unto y<sup>e</sup> sayd Nycholas Myller als. Mason his brother as well for the vycynage and cōisyng of close into close as also for y<sup>e</sup> better tymber woodes and pownde and pownde yarde and the woodes ther on growyn.

Fynallye yt ys fullye ordered determyned and agreed that y<sup>e</sup> sayde Rychard and Nycholas and their heyres and assynges ffor ever shall ffrom hensfourthe dyvyde and fense the out rents of the sayde close equallye betwene them and beare and paye equallye all other accydentall chargys and suytes as taxes and tythes harryotts ffynes and other chargys that uppō y<sup>e</sup><sup>er</sup> severall ptes ar to be charged here after and also to receyve leeke proffytes of rents and ffynes yf any ther to belongyng to the sayde close called *Isalls* als. *Isawes* w<sup>t</sup> pfyght devysyon of the same bytwene them. In wytnes herof to one pte the ptycyon remaynyng w<sup>t</sup> the sayd Rycharde Myller als. Mason the sayde Nycholas Miller als. Mason w<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> resydue of the arbytrators haue sett their names sygues and seales y<sup>e</sup> daye and yeare afore specyfyed. [Tebold scriptor.]

[This copy has the signatures of George Cokett, Wyllm Hawke, Robt. Constabl, Thomas Monshaugh, Nicholai Myller als. Mason, but the seals have all been cut off.]

Omnibus, &c. Nicholaus Miller als. Mason de Necton tanner, &c., dictus Nichūs et Richardus Myller als. Mason de Necton yeoman frater meus nuper emebamus terras in east bradenham et West bradenham olim Rogeri Gromes postea M<sup>g</sup>arete Gromes de Lavenham vidua in nomine unius clausi vocat Isells als. Isawes ex dono, &c., Thome Pepys de Sowth Creak generoso executor testamenti et ultimi voluntatis dñe Margarete Grome ut in Indent' dat. 20 May aor' 5 Eliz. Quequidem, &c., in uno' clauso in E. B. et W. B. et

content' 120 acras terre sive pasture . . . . . per finem levat', &c., Sci Hilarii Ao. Regine 6<sup>to</sup>. Putabimus dictas clausas, &c., separare et cas in duas sepaes ptes dividere. Ideo, &c., ego Nicholaus dedi Rico electionem suam liberam duarum ptium et Ricus eligebat et cepit latus orientale et ego habeo alterum partem sive latus occidentale dict' terrarum, &c., SCIATIS me Nicholaum Myller als. Mason dedisse, &c., eidem Rico fratri meo heredibus, &c., orientalem partem dictam, &c., continent dimidiam ptem 120 acras agris sive pasture et dicte due partes jacent insimul latus et latus in longitudine per medium clausis ubi dividuntur ab austro in boream prout easdem separavimus cujus australe caput abutt' super agram . . . . . *Methowlde* vocat *Twaytes* et caput boreale sup' parcell *Manerii* ibm modo in usu et occupatione *Gregorii Trëndle* et *Rob'ti Rudde*. Et ego dict Nicholaus Myller al. Mason reservam, &c., quoddam spatium juxta fossam et sepem, viz., latitudine . . . . . in fine boreali orientalis ptis dictarum duorum partium . . . . . dicti Rici fratris mei ibm super ptem suam in dcō spatium caruca vel vehiculo cum equis rostris vehicularibus ligno vel spinis et aliis negotiis aut rebus nundanis nobis acptis et necessariis transire et retransire singlis temporibus et de tempore in tempus et similiter reservavi lib'ram lib'tatem de tempore in tempus mihi et hered's, &c., ire et revenire in dicto spatio imp'pñ ad pratū et a prato vocat' le pynfolde modo erect in fine boreali ptis dicti vici ibm imparcare aīalia et peccora quādo necesse fuerit et ultra agere super agram suum d'ie p'cato adjacent ut in carta mea a dicto vico fact' gerent' dat. p'sentis carta longe melius apparet' et edit'. Habend, &c., d'cam orientalem ptem sive latus orient' vel dimid' d'carum duarum ptium clausi continent' dimidiam 120 acrarum, &c., reservat', &c., p'dto Rico Myller als. Mason fratri meo hered', &c. Sciatis insuper me ante d'cū Nicholaum remississe, &c., totam dimidiam, &c., in sua plenam et pacificō possessionem, &c., de et in ejusdem ptis vel latere orientali, &c. Dat. apud bradnhū 6 April Ao. 8 Eliz.

By indenture dated 26th January, 26th Elizabeth (1583), Thomas Grome of London, Gent., sonne and heire of Roger Grome, deceased, for £50, bargained, sold, granted, and confirmed unto Richard Miller otherwise Mason of Neyton, yeoman, all that thirde parte of the manor of *Isehall*, and of the lands, tenements, and pastures called *Isehall* in West bradenham, and all other lands, &c., of said Thomas Grome in West bradenham, to hold to the said Richard Miller otherwise Mason, his heirs, &c.

By an inquisition taken at the castle at Norwich 25th August, Ao. 15th Jac. I., post mortem *Paul Miller* als. *Mason, jun.*, late of Necton, yeoman, he was found to have been seized of land late of *Nicholas Mason* therein mentioned, and of one moiety of the manor of *Isehall*, and sixty-six acres called *Isehall* in West Bradenham, also of sixty acres and eighteen acres in West Bradenham, and died 2nd May in that year, (15th Jac.), having made his will dated preceding day (May 1st), and that *Richard Miller* alias *Mason* was his son and heir aged twenty-one years and upwards at the death of his father.—Esc. 15 Jac., p. 32, n. 75.

Inquisitio capta apud Castrum Norwic. 21 Oct. Ao. Regis [Jac. I.] 21<sup>o</sup> post mortem Rici Miller als. *Mason*, &c. Seisitus fuit in toto *Manerio de Ishawes* et 100 acris terre et pasture vocat' p nomen *Ishawes* eidem manerio ptinent' quarum 40 acra in West Bradenham pquisivit de *Jacobo Nonne* gen'. Et 3 acr. in *Jarmyn's Close* semel pquisivit de *Jacobo Nonne* in Holme Hale. Et certis terris et tenementis vocat. *Wildes et Brakes* cont. 60 acr. in *West Bradenham*. [The other lands and tenements of which he was found to have died seized, and other contents of the inquisition, will be fully set out elsewhere.]

*Manerium de Ishawes* et 80 acr. terre vocat. *Ishawes* dicto manerio ptinent' tenebantur de Dno Rege ut de honore suo de *Clare* per servicium militare per dec. ptem uni feod. mil. et valent. &c., 60 sol. per ann. Terre et ten' *Wildes et Brakes* cont. 60 acre terr. de *Arthure* capell mil. ut de manerio de *Gooderstone* per fidelitatem et annual redd. de 6d. et valent clam p ann. 3s.

Omnibus, &c. *Georgius Nonne* de North Pickenham, gen', remississe, &c. *Paulo Miller* als. *Mason* yeoman, totum jus, &c., in ill' pte orient eiusd' pasture vocat. *Isalls* als. *Isawes* quondam in tenura sive occupacōne cuiusdam Rici' Miller als. *Mason* patris predicti Pauli in Est Braddenham et in una pecia predicto clause quondam p'tin' et prefato Rico p incertas metas et bundas in Indentura inter eund' Ricum

et quondam Nichum Miller als. Mason specificat' prout per Indentur' illius dat. 9 Aug. 9 Eliz. per quamquidam Indentur' fact' per Georgium Cockett, gen', Willm. Hawke, Robtum Constable, Thom. Munshawe, Johem Coo, Robtum Francys, pars orien' clausi p'dci p'fato Rico p pte sua clausi p'dci adjudicat fuit. Ita videlt' quod nec ego Georgius Nonne nec heredes, &c., aliquam viam sive fugacõem trans ptem orient illius clausi modo in tenura p'dicti Pauli aut aliquod aliud jus titlum, &c. In ejus, &c., 12th April, Ao. 5th Jac., 1607.

1633. Omnibus, &c. *Johes Nonne* de North Pickenham, gen<sup>s</sup>. filius et heres *Georgij Nonne* nup de N. Pickenham, gen. def'ti . . . . remississe, &c., *Rico Miller als. Mason* de Necton yoman totum jus, &c., de et in toto illo *Manerio de Isehall als. Isaughes* in *West Bradenham* et in omnibus illis clausis et pasturis vocat' vel cognit' per nomen de *Isehall als. Isaughes* cont' 70 acras. Et de et in toto illo clauso pasture vocat' vel cognit' *Jermyn's Close content'*, &c., 14 acras in *Holme Hale* juxta clausum *Isehall*, &c., que, &c., dictus Ricus nuper perquis de *Jacobo Nonne* gen' fratre meo. Dat. 25th Jan., 9th Car., 1633.

At a court for manor of Holme Hale [White Oake Leet] 24th September, 1641, upon the death of Richard Mason, John Mason his son and heir was admitted to nine acres in Holme Hale, adjoining land belonging to the manor of *Istalls*, [qu. *Ishalls*?]

Honor de Clare ex parte Wootton et West Bradenham. M<sup>d</sup> quod circa ult. cur' [sixth, 22nd February, 1723] et ult. cur Ric' Mason de Necton Infant per Gibson Lucas de Shropham gen. ejus attorn' et per direcõn Franc' Mason viã matris ejus et Guardian' soluit finem pro ingressu suo de et in maner' de *Isehales als. Ishaw* tenet' de Honore pecto in West Bradenham que habet ut filius et heres Ric' Mason nup de Necton patris ejus defunct' ad 80 sol. sed fidelitas respectuat'. Jas. Wells, Gen., steward of the Honor.

## DEEDS RELATING TO LANDS CALLED "WEST RUDDS," &c.

1458-9. Sciant, &c., nos Thomas Fraunsham, cives et m'cerus Norwici, Jacobus Fraunsham de Disse, et Ed'us Fraunsham mercerus de Norwico, dedi, &c., unum mesuagium, edificatum vocatur *Willes* et 30 acras terre et bosci in West bradenham que cum *Thoma Brakkys als. dicto Fraunsham* de West bradenham, Johanne uxore sua, et Johanne filio eorundem, iam defunctis, habui ex feoffamento Roberti Wright de Saham Thweyt, per cartam datam apud West Bradenham Ao. 28 Hen. VI. Sciant eciam nos, &c. . . . . prefatis, &c. . . . . 12 acras terre in West bradenham in 4 peciis . . . . . apud le *West rode*s abut' super comunem semitam ducentem a *Kirtling gappe* usq' Swafham. Quasconque, &c., cum Johe' Broseyerd cive Norwic' et Johe filio dicti Thome Brakkys defuncto habui ex carta . . . . . Todenham, milit', Thome Shuldham armig'i, Johis Priour clici, et Willi Fraunceys, per cartam 29 Hen. VI. Habendum prefatis Rico Brown, &c., heredibus, &c. . . . . [concluding portion dilapidated.] Hiis testibus, Willmo Aldewyn, Thoma Gorham, Johẽ Gollyng, Willmo Smyth, Jacobo Cosyn, Edo. Bury, Edo. Casse. Dat. apud West bradenham, 8 Feb., 37 Hen. VI.<sup>1</sup>

[Commencement cut off.] *Calibutt*, gen<sup>s</sup>. et *Johes Blomevyle* de Nekton, gen<sup>s</sup>. dedimus, &c., Robto Howlyn de Nekton capellano et Edm'do Heyhowe filio Robti Heyhowe, heredibus, &c. . . . . in campo de Sparham in Nekton [in nine piẽces—*Beddoun's Acre*, via voc. *lang marwez*,—apud *Gylstede* et ten. *Durnakles*,—stadium voc *Brodeacre*,—apud *Nether balmerwod*,—terr' voc. *Bable*,—*Dunham Bable*] Quasque . . . habuimus

<sup>1</sup> The above deed probably relates to lands afterward included in the estate of Curteys' Chantry, which will be treated of hereafter.

inter alia, dom *Willo Curteys* notario, . . . Coe, Arthuro Coe, et Thoma Heythe modo defunctis Habendam 6 aer et 1 rod prefatis Robto Heyhowe, Robto Howlyn, et Edmundo Heyhowe, heredibus, &c. Hiis testibus, Johe Wkke, Willmo Colyson, Johe Mason de Sparham, Paulo Brightmer, &c. Dat. apud Sparham 3 June, Hen. VII. ye 20th. [All one side cut off.]

1506. *Ricus Coe de Ayshyll*, in performance of the will of William Curteys, late of Necton, deceased,<sup>1</sup> and at the request of the executors, by deed dated at West Bradenham, 30th April, Ao. 21st Henry VII., enfeofed Robert Howlyn, capellano, Thomas Hyllyng, clerk, John Blomvyle, John Bullocke, Galfr' Hoggs, Thomas Powly, John Powly, sen., Henry Skipper, John Kyng, John Powly, jun., Edward Eleyne, Richard Bear, Paul Bryghtmer, Robert Philyp, George Watson, Robert Heyhoce, William Colyson, William Pecher, Edmund Pound, and Galfr' Philipp in a messuage void, a close called *Wyldes als. Brakes*, containing sixty acres of arable land and wood in West Bradenham, and eighteen acres there called *Le Westwodes* as enclosed between ditches and hedges, lying between the land called *Iveshaw* west and land formerly of the Prior of Westacre east, and abutting upon the way leading to East Bradenham and the common footpath from Kerkelynggapp towards Swaffham, which he [Coe] together with Henry Kentyng and William Curteys, notaries, Thomas Spynner, Thomas Thorpe, and Thomas Heye, deceased, and Richard Gardener late of Estbradenham, chaplain, had by deed dated die lune prox post festum Sci Martini in yeme Ao. r. Edw. IV. 21<sup>mo</sup>, to hold to aforesaid Robert Howlyn and others, as trustees for performance and fulfilment of the will of the aforesaid William Curteys, and he appointed William Millysent, Perpetual Vicar of the Church of West Bradenham, attorney, to deliver seisin accordingly. The witnesses' names were Thomas Warde, Henr' Cony, Johe Slappe, Willo Munsoure, and others.

It appears by another fragment of a deed that William Pycher of Neketon and others [whose names have been cut off] all inhabitants of Neketon, granted to . . . . . capellano annual stipendium et servicium decem mercarum . . . . in Swaffham market . . . . ecclia de Neketon celebrand et dicend' pro animabus Willi Curtes, uxoris ejus, parentum suorum . . . . sibi placuerit habere et occupare dict suicium sine aliquo evicitione vel perturbacione . . . . inhabitanc' in dicta villa secundum formam et effect' testamenti et ultimi voluntatis . . . . . penes predicti Willi Bonyng remanent cum diversis hominibus aliis inhabitantis in Neketon . . . . Bonyng sigillum suum apposuit. Dat. apud Neketon 20 May. [About one-third of this document has been cut off, and there is no guide to the date otherwise than that "William Bonyng de Neketon, capellanus," who appears by it to have been appointed to the chaplaincy of Curteys' Chantry, was living in 1539, when he and William Pycher, by deed dated 9th April, 30th Henry VIII.,<sup>2</sup> granted to Cristofer Goodwyn of Necton a parcel of ground with a house built thereon in Necton, next the churchyard; but that seems to have been private property, as they, the grantors, are said to have been enfeofed with Agnes Bonyng of Necton, widow, by John Howlyn the elder, of Shipdham, Robert Howlyn, chaplain, and others.]

1591. Omnibus, &c. Michael Stanhope de Sudborn in com. Suff. armig., . . . vendidisse, &c., . . . "*Rico Mason als. Miller*, jun., de Necton, yoman," heredibus, &c., unum inclausum pasture in West Bradenham "cognitum et vocatum per nomen de *West Rudds* nuper Wards, content' 5 acras prout abutt', &c., in quibusdam Indenture, &c., in duabus peciis . . . . . Quodquidem, &c., ego inter alia nuper habui ex dono, &c., Regine Elizabeth per literas paten' dat. 3 April Ao. regni 33. Habend', &c., prefato Rico Mason als. Miller, heredibus, &c. Insuper, &c., Georgium Smith, gen', attornat, &c. Dat. 1 Nov. Ao. 33 Eliz.

<sup>1</sup> Vide Curteys' Chantry, post.

<sup>2</sup> On the last-named deed is indorsed: "for the whyte house and the acre of land upon the churchyard" [in Necton.]

By indenture dated 5th November, 33rd Elizabeth, Michael Stanhoppe of Sudbergh, co. Suffolk, Esq., for £24 paid by *Richard Mason als. Miller*, the younger, of Necton, yeoman, bargained and sold to him the close of pasture called *West Rudde*, and late Wards, in West Bradenham, containing five acres, in two pieces, one piece between the close or pasture late of Edmund Boldrow, Gent., called *Wootens*, east, and the close of *Richard Mason als. Miller* of Necton, called *West Rudds*, abutting north on West Rudds aforesaid, and close of Henry Crooke, late Wards. The other piece is the north end of same, between lands of said Henry Crooke east, and the pasture of said Richard Mason als. Miller west, and the north on the way leading from Shipdham to Swaffham, which close or pasture, called West Rudds, Stanhope had (inter alia) of the grant of the Queen by letters patent dated 3rd April, in the 33rd year of her reign, to hold to the said Richard Mason als. Miller, the younger, in fee simple, subject to the payment to Stanhope, his heirs and assigns, of a yearly rent of 15*d.*, &c., subject also to a fee farm rent of £11. 8*s.* 7½*d.* a year reserved and payable to the Crown for the manor of South Pickenham by the said letters patent.

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EXTRACTS FROM "THE REGISTER OF THE PARISHE OF  
WEST BRADENHAM,

"FROM THE BEGINNINGE OF OUR LORD GOD, 1538, IN ANNO REGNI HENRICI OCTAVI, untill the Beginning of the Raigne of our most Sovereigne Lord Kynge Edward the sixt; and soe from thence Proceedinge, according to such order and constitution as is sett downe in that Behalf, Truly and faithfully collected word for word out of both y<sup>e</sup> olde Register Bookes of the same Parish by WILLIAM COOPER, VICAR of west Braddenham."

First Christeninges, 1538.

Alice Waller, daughter of Robert Waller, the 17th day of June.

1539. Annah Rudd, d. of William Rudd and Alice his wife, was baptised the sixt daie of May anno p'dicto.

Thomas Tuddenham, sonne of Thomas Tuddenham, 25 July.

Alice Rudd, d. of Robert Rudd and Alice [Cecily] his wife, 24 Jan.

1541. Thomas Rudd, s. of Willm Rudd and Alice, 24 June.

1542. Amy Wrooe, d. of Willm Wrooe and Margaret, 18 Jun.

1543. Alice Crowe, d. of James Crowe and Margaret, 25 Sept.

William Rudd, s. of William Rudd and Alice, 10 Jan.

1544. Martha Prat, d. of Edmonde Prat and Mary, 10 May.

1545. Margaret Rudd, d. of Robert and Cicely, 15 Jan.

"Our most gracious soueraigne Lord Kyng Edward the sixt began to raigne over this Realme of Englande the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, in y<sup>e</sup> yeere of our Lord God 1547."

1547. Robert Crowe, s. of James Crowe, was Baptised 8 March anno p'dicto.

1548. Amy Rudd, d. of Robert Rudd and Cicely, 21 Nov.

1549. John Rudd, s. of William and Alice, 3 May.

1552. Andrew Rudd, s. of Robert Rudd. bapt. the last Nov.

Bridget Munsaugh, daughter of Thomas Munsaugh, 4 April.

1554. Margaret Appowell, d. of Ethell Appowell, 28 March.

John Monsaugh, s. of Thomas Monsaugh, 22 Aug.

Abiram Smith, s. of John, 25 July.

1555. Margery Munsawgh, d. of John, 5 Jan.  
 1556. John Munsawgh, s. of John, 7 June.  
 1558. John Munsawgh, s. of Joh. Munsawgh, 7 Nov.  
 Agnes Trendle, d. of Gregory Trendle, 20 March.  
 William Munsawgh, s. of Thomas, 22 March.

“ Our most Gracious & dreade Soueraigne Lady Elizabeth by the Grace of God Queene of England, france and Irelande, defender of the Faith, &c., began most happily to Raigne ouer this Realme the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November in the yeere of our Lord God 1559, since the beginning of whose Raigne we have had these christenings in the Parish Church of West Braddenham.”

1560. William Trendle, s. of Gregory Trendle and Joane his wife, was baptized the 5th day of July.  
 Cecily Munsawgh, d. of John Munsawgh and Joane his wife, 15 March.  
 1561. Simonde Slappe, s. of Tho. Slappe and Margery, 19 July.  
 1562. Joane Trendle, d. of Gregory, 24 Jan.  
 Mary Munsawgh, d. of John Munsawgh, 11 June.  
 1563. Thomas Slappe, s. of John, 25 Feb.  
 Joane Slappe, d. of Gyles, 26 Feb.  
 1564. Alice Munsawgh, daughter of Thomas, 3 Aperyll.  
 Thomas Slappe, sonne of Thomas and Margaret, 12 Aperyll.  
 1565. Kattheryne Trendle, daughter of Gregory, 15 April.  
 Richarde Munsawgh, s. of Thomas, 24 Feb.  
 Katherine Tuddenham, d. of Thomas, 9 June.  
 1566. William Trendle, s. of Gregory, 25 March.  
 1567. Anne Munsawgh, d. of Thomas, 2 Jany.  
 1568. Margaret Nellson, d. of Robert Nellson and Margaret, 13 Sept.  
 1569. William Rudd, s. of Simonde Rudd and Annah, 7 Aug.  
 Thomas Trendle, s. of Gregory and Jane, 11 Sept.  
 1570. Henrie Nellson, s. of Robert and Mary, 16 July.  
 1571. John Rudd, s. of Thomas Rudd and Elizabeth, 25 March.  
 Thomas Rudde, s. of . . . . and Agnes, . . . .  
 1572. Alice Howleing, d. of Wm. Howleing and Margaret, 13 March.  
 Martha Trendle, d. of Gregorie and Joane, 4 Maye.  
 1573. Alice Rudd, d. of Thomas Rudd and Elizabeth, 9 Aug.

[The first period, to January, 1547, includes the names of Bryde, Crooke, Eastwright, Gray, Large, Panke, Stephens, Tybbey, Warde. The period during the reign of Edward VI. includes the names, besides those above mentioned, of Appowell, Barrowe, Burton, Browne, Barns, Carryer, Fenn, Finch, Gray, Justyn, Keny, Lowe, Olyver, Pank, Powell, Purvys, Raven, Robinson, Semar, Smith, Turner, Wansford, Waller, Warde, Wright, Wrooe. Between the accession of Elizabeth and 1580 I find Bone, Bennytt, Bloke, Brightmeere, Crowdsen, Eastrowe, Fyshe, Harryson, Hearne, Howleinge, Hall, Griffing, Gray, Imay, Lawes, Levett, Minter, Moore, Monk, Purvys, Perrott, Panke, Ranson, Somers, Slappe (two or three every year), Sticant, Watson, Wrooe.]

1574. John Rudd, s. of Edmonde and Agnes, 12 Aug.  
 William Howleing, sonne of Wm. Howleing, Cleark, and Margaret, 7 Nov.  
 1575. Elizabeth Trendle, d. of Gregory and Joane, 24 July.  
 Margaret Rudd, d. of Thomas and Elizabeth, 28 Aug.  
 Andrewe Rudd, s. of Edmonde and Elizabeth, 22 Jan.

1576. Margaret Howleing, d. of William Howleing, Clerk, and Margaret, 3 Feb.  
 1577. Thomas Rudd, s. of Edmonde and Elizabeth, 20 Maye.  
 1578. Robert Tuddenham, s. of Thomas and Katheryne, 11 May.  
 1579. Thomas Reppe, son of George, 6 Sept.  
     Thomas Howleing, sonne of William and Margaret, 7 Sept.  
     John Howleing, s. of William Howleinge, Clerk, and Margaret, 7 May.  
 1580. Robert Rudd, s. of Edmunde and Agnes, 25 March.  
     John Tuddenham, s. of Thomas and Katheryne, 22 Aperyll.  
     Rose Tuddenham, d. of Thomas and Katheryne, 15 May.  
 1582. John Howleing, sonne of William Howleing, Clk., and Margaret, 3 June.  
 1584. Andrew, s. of same, 13 March.  
 1585. Alice Rudd, d. of Andrew and Cicely, 15 June.  
 1587. Katheryne Munsawgh, d. of John and Bridgett, 9 Aperyll.  
     William Rudd, s. of Andrewe and Cicely, 11 March.  
 1588. Suzan Collyar, d. of John and Margaret, 20 Oct.  
 1589. John Munsawgh, s. of John and Bridgett, 15 March.  
 1590. . . . . Hoagan, [illegible] 6 Sept.  
     John Collyar, s. of John and Margaret, 17 Sept.  
 1591. Joane Hoagen, d. of Thomas Hoagen and Mary his wife, was baptized the first day of November,  
     anno p'dicto.  
     Thomas Collyer, s. of John and Margaret, 2 Jan.  
 1592. William Rudd, s. of Andrew Rudd and Cicely, 16 April.  
     Elizabeth Amyes, d. of Thomas Amyes and Katheryn, 9 July.  
     Elizabeth Monsaugh, d. of Thomas and Agnes, 23 July.  
     [Fourteen baptisms this year: usual number six.]  
 1593. Annah Hoagen, d. of Thomas and Mary, 3 March.  
     John Collyson, s. of John and Margaret, 17 March.  
     Katheryne Rudd, d. of Andrew and Cicely, 15 Dec.  
 1595. Dorothy Munsawgh, d. of John and Joane, 5 Sept.  
     Elizabeth Trendle, d. of William and Agnes, 16 Nov.  
 1596. William Munsawgh, sonne of William and Agnes, 8 Aug.  
     Agnes Nellson, ye d. of Gregory Nellson and Agnes, 30 Aug.  
     Elizabeth Collyar, d. of John and Margaret, 31 Oct.  
     Frances Hoagen, d. of Thomas and Mary, 5 Dec.  
 1597. Andrew Rudd, s. of Andrew and Elizabeth, 24 Apr.  
     John Munsawgh, s. of John and Joane, 1 Maye.  
     Margaret Nellson, d. of Gregorie and Agnes, 4 Sept.  
     Jeremy Munsawgh, sonne of William and Agnes, 11 Dec.  
 1598. Bridgett Trendle, d. of William and Annah, 28 May.  
     William Mason, ye Bastard of Elizabeth Mason, 14 Jany.  
 1599. Thomas Mansawgh, s. of John and Joane, 25 March.  
     Margaret Rudd, daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth, 26 Aug.  
     Hester Munsawgh, daur. of William and Agnes, 22 Oct.  
     Thomas Trendle, s. of Wm. Trendle, 26 Dec.

[Between 1580 and 1600 the names also occur of Andrewes, Aymer, Bordocke, Brotherwicke, Buddell, Bidson, Carman, Crowdson, Eastrowe, Embleme, Fenne, Foxe, Hearne, Howleing, Hunter, Garrarde, Gayfer, Godfery, Gyles, Lucas, Moore, Maulster, Makeing, Michell,

Nutcraft, Olyver, Osborne, Palmer, Paske, Panke, Raynes, Rumbolde, Slappe, Snelling, Sporrie, Tompson, Tubbye, Tuddenham, Warde, Wayman, Whittbye, Williamson, Woodes.]

1600. John Hoagen, s. of Thomas Hoagen, 13 Aperyel.  
 Kattheryne Ewer, d. of Radulph, 15 Dec.  
 Gregory Nellson, s. of Gregory, 10 Aug.
1601. Agnes Collyar, d. of John and Margaret.  
 Richard Bretton, s. of John and Avis, 5 Aug.  
 William Trendle, s. of Wm., . . . Jany.  
 Margaret Trendle, d. of Thomas, 3 March.

“Christenings y<sup>t</sup> have been in the Parish church of West Braddenhā since y<sup>e</sup> Raigne of o<sup>r</sup> most graciouse soverayne Lord Kynge James, whoe began to Raigne most happily over this kingdōe in y<sup>e</sup> yeere of o<sup>r</sup> Lo. God 1602.”

1603. Agnes Nellson, d. of Agnes Nellson, widdowe, 17 Apl.  
 John Munsough, s. of John and Joane, 15 Dec.
1604. Joane Collyar, d. of John and Margaret, 1 May.  
 Thomas Trendle, s. of Thomas, 14 May.  
 John Mynnes, s. of Matthew, 2 Dec.
1605. Sarah Collyar, d. of John and Margaret, 19 Jan.  
 John Rudd, s. of Thomas, 13 Apl.
1607. William Munsawgh, s. of John, 5 Apl.  
 Agnes, d. of William Coop, Cleark, and Priscilla his wife, was baptized the second daie of August.  
 The witnesses y<sup>t</sup> answered for her were Mr. John Blanke, cleark, Mr. John Mason of King's Lynne, Mrs. Avis Bretton, Mrs. Annah Martyn, Mrs. Annah Smeth.  
 Thomas Rudd, s. of Thomas, 7 Feb.
1608. Margaret Bullocke, d. of Richard, 3 Apl.  
 Priscilla Coop, d. of Williā Cooper, Clerk, and Priscilla, was Baptized and Buryed 24 Apr.  
 Robert Collyar, s. of John and Margaret, 9 Oct.
1609. William Coop, s. of Wm. Coop, clearke, and Priscilla Coop his wyfe, was baptized 9th Aperyel. The witnesses y<sup>t</sup> answered for him were these, Mr. Shute, Preacher, of King's Lynne, Thomas Munsawgh, Mrs. Annah Bucklande his Aunte.
1610. John Bullocke, s. of Richard Bullocke, 15 July.
1611. Priscilla Coop, d. of William Cooper, clearke, and Priscilla, &c., 6 Oct. Witnesses, Thomas Trendle, Joane Munsawgh, Elizabeth Rudd.  
 Amy Bullocke, d. of Richard, 6 Oct.
1612. Elizabeth Coop, d. of William Cooper, Clk., and Priscilla, 27 Sept., witn<sup>e</sup> Robert Dun, Jeane Hoagen, Suzan Corie.
1613. Robert Bullocke, sonne of Richard, 25 May.  
 Robert Rump, sonne of Robert, 30 May.  
 John Hastings, s. of John, 15 Aug.  
 HENRICUS HOLLANDE, s. of Raph Holland, Gentleman, and Elizabeth his wife, &c., 9th of August.  
 His witnesses were these, Mr. Thomas Cotton, Mr. Anthony Benningfeilde, Mr. Mountney.  
 Thomas Rudd, s. of Robert Rudd, 12 Sept.  
 Gregory Trendle, s. of Thomas Trendle, 3 Oct.
1614. Dorcas Coop, d. of William Coop, clerk, and Priscilla, was borne on 21st daie of Aperill, and baptized on y<sup>e</sup> . . . daie of the same month. Her witnesses were William Beekaton, John Blanch, Mrs. Marian Smeth, Mrs. Hester Jewell.



1615. Elyner Bradbury, d. of Mr. Warntworth Bradbury, was baptised the 13th daie of March, and buried the 14th daie of March, Anno supradict'. Her witnesses were theise, Mrs. Pope, Mr. Anthony Beningfeilde.  
 Thomas Cooper, sonne of Wm. Cooper, Clerk, and Priscilla . . . . was borne the 27th Apl. and bapt. 4th May. His witnesses were theise, Thomas Withe, Parson of Shipdam, Robert Mardun, Parson of East Braddenham, Mrs. Annah Sidney.  
 John Rumpe, sonne of Robert, 28 Dec.  
 William Trendle, sonne of Thomas, 25 Feb.
1616. William Rudd, sonne of Robert, 9 June.  
 Mary Cooper, d. of William Cooper, Clerke, and Priscilla, 11 June. Witnesses, Mr. Christopher Godsall of Shipdham, Mrs. Elizabeth Shynne of little Frauncham, Mrs. Marey Crooke of Necton.  
 Robert Trendle, sonne of Thomas, 25 Feb.
1617. Priscilla Bullocke, daughter of Richard, 12 Oct.  
 [A leaf here appears to be lost.]
1624. Thomas Rudd, s. of Thomas Rudd and Elizabeth, 3 April.  
 John Trendle, sonne of Thomas, 9 Maye.
1626. John, sonne of Thomas and Elizabeth Forby, 29 May.  
 Thomas, sonne of Thomas Munsaugh and Dorothy, 28 Jan.
1627. Anna, the daughter of Francis Hogan and Mary, 12 April.  
 [I discontinue extracting entries relating to the Rudd family, being too numerous. Those of Munsaugh for the same reason. After 1625 the entries are made and the pages signed by Benjamin Estey, Rector.]
1637. Edward, base borne of Agnes High and Edward Slapp the reputed father, 22 Oct.  
 Edmond Hoghan, sonne of Francis and Mary, 3 Sept.
1639. Joseph Estey was borne at Lynne 24 August about twoe in the afternoon, and was baptized the 30th August.
1640. Margaret Sancraft, daughter of William and Margaret, 25 May.
1641. Benjamin Esty, sonne of Benjamin Esty, clerke, and Margery, 7 April.  
 William Basham, sonne of Francis and Elizabeth, 8 July.  
 Thomas Rolfe, sonne of Abraham and Elizabeth, 14 Aug.  
 Elizabeth Hoghan, d. of Francis and Mary, 20 March, 1641.
1642. V . . . ent Estey, son of Benjamin Estey, clk. and Margery, 4 Aug.  
 Thomas Trundle, son of Thomas and Anna, 10 Jan.
1643. James Barsham, sonne of Francis and Elizabeth, 26 Oct.  
 John Rolfe, sonne of Abraham and Elizabeth, 24 Dec.
1649. Thomassen, Baseborne of Nancy Secker and Thomas Milkesop the reputed father, 20 Aug.  
 [Between the accession of King James and 1650 the following new names are introduced:  
 Armstrong, Atkins, Barefoote, Balder, Baldres, Burden, Buddell, Copper, Curtayne, Cobbs, Dun, Downeing, Eton, Evey, Fletcher, Goshawke, Graynes, Hearne, Henry, Hilton, Judith, Jerrarde, Kett, Makeing, Monke, Prudence, Pinching, Phane, Powley, Raynes, Rumpe, Sommers, Thrower, Tennant, Stalworthy, Ven, Wenn, Wayman.]
1652. Thomas Forby, sonne of Thomas Forbey and Margaret [no date.]  
 Nicklas Cockett, sonne of Clement, 10 Dec.
1654. Mary Noane, daughter of Willm. and Elizabeth, 27 April.  
 Isabell Velby was baptized, being mistaken for Elizabeth the daughter of Willm. Wilby . . . October. . . . . born . . . . . daughter of . . . . . and Elizabeth his wife, bapt. 22 March.

1655. Cicelie Neve, d. of Will Neve and Elizabeth, 16 Jany.  
 1658. Mary Hoogan, d. of Thomas Hoogan and Elizabeth, 24 July.  
 Elizabeth Hoogan, d. of Thomas Hoogan and Elizabeth, 9 Nov., 1662.

[Only one baptism and one marriage entered between 1658 and 1662. The first part of the page, containing baptisms, 1661—1664, signed by Guil. Shene, Curat., Thomas Rudd, Willm. Neve, Gard\*.]

1664. Willms. filius Roberti Jesop et Elizabetha vxoris ejus baptizat' vicesimo 8<sup>mo</sup> die Augusti.  
 1665. Alicia, filia Thomæ Norris et Anne, &c., 29 Julij.

[In and from this year an alteration in the handwriting.]

Ann fil. Johannis Yongs et Annæ, 25 Martij.

1667. Francisca, fil. Thomæ Hoogan et Elizabethæ, &c., 7 die Julij.  
 1668. . . . . daughter of Thomas Trendell and Mary, 2 Feby. —68.  
 1669. William Norris, sonne of Thomas and Anne, 8 June.  
 1670. Judith Adamson, d. of Francis and Judith, 10 Apl.  
 Arthur Davie, sonne of Arthur and Anne, 19 June.  
 Thomas Huggin, sonne of Thomas and Elizabeth, 23 Oct.  
 1675. John Orton, sonne of Nicolas, 6 June.  
 1678. John, son of Ni. Orton and Mary his wife, July 18.  
 John, ye sone of Tho. Norris and Anne, Sept. 22.

Children baptized by Samuel Needham, Vic. 1685.

1684. John, s. of Thomas and Frances Ireson, Nov. 16.  
 1685. Robert, son of Robert and Rose Munser, March 14, 1685.  
 1687. Tho. the son of Thomas and Ann Ireson, May 9.  
 1688. Mary, dr. of same, Jan. 13.  
 1692. Ellen, dr. of same, Nov. 19.  
 1695. Page signed "James Needham."  
 1696. Thomas, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Trendle, Sept. 27.  
 1699. John, the son of Thomas and Mary Clemence, Oct. 1.  
 John, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Trendle, Feb. 16.

[During the half century before 1700 appear the names of Forkey, Snellock, Ailiff, Adamson, Brightmer, Clemence, Beckerton, Hudson, Large, Orvis, Peacock, Wace.]

1701. Mary, the dr. of Elizabeth Rudd and Nathanael Cooper the reputed Father, May 18.  
 1703. Nathanael, the son of Nathanael and Mary Cooper, Jan. 28.  
 Forby, the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Trendle, Feb. 13.  
 1705. Mary, dr. of Clement and Anne Cocket, Nov. 18.  
 1707. Esther, the daughter of same, May 1.  
 1709. Thomas, the son of same, April 21.  
 Mary, the dr. of John and Anna Norris, April 7.  
 Thomas, the son of Thomas and Anne Trendle, Sept. 25.  
 John, the son of John and Anne Minns, Oct. 30.  
 Francis, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Trendle, June 24.  
 1710. Mary, dr. of Clement and Ann Cocket, Jan. 7.  
 1711. William, the son of Lydia Green and of William Tinckler, deceased, the reputed father, April 22.  
 William, son of Thomas and Ann Trendle, Sept. 17.

1712. Benjamin, son of John and Anne Norris, Sept. 29.  
Rose and Mary, daughters of William and Amy Munshaw, Oct. 16.
1713. John, the son of Thomas and Nezra Forby, June 22.  
James, son of Thomas and Anne Trendle, Aug. 23.  
Steward, the son of Nathanael and Mary Cooper, Oct. 14.
1714. Makyns, the son of Thomas and Anne Eyres, Dec. 19.  
Anne, the daughter of Clement and Anne Cocket, Mar. 18.
1716. William Ralph, son of William and Rachel Bird, Ap. 1.  
Jackler, son of Thomas and Anne Trendle, Oct. 9.  
Amy, dr. of William and Anne Monshaw, Dec. 18.
1717. Margaret, dr. of John and Anne Norris, April 9.
1720. Ann, dr. of same, July 17.

[Entries 1718—1720 inclusive signed "Edm. Nelson, Curate." No entries in 1721 and 1722.]

1723. Geo. and Henry Forby, s. of Tho. and Nezra, bapt. Oct. 21.
1725. [One entry before and six "since the Visitation."  
..... "Trendle of Jane, whose supposed fath<sup>r</sup> was Ed. Holman," s. d.
1727. Aug. 12 [under Baptisms seven surnames, but no baptismal names entered, nor any other baptism entered in this book.]

*First burial entry*, "Anne Virley, wife of Thomas Virley, was buried the last day of October anno pr'dcto" [but no year given.]

Henry Rud was buried 26 Dec. Ano. p'dicto.

1544. Eight burial entries.
1646. Elizabeth Munsaugh, daughter of John, 30 May.  
Mary Munsaugh, daughter of same, 3 June.
1647. Dorothy Munsaugh, wife of Thomas, 20 April.
1654. Mary Forby, wife of John, 20 Nov.
1655. Willm. Norris, 28 April.
1663. Anna Trundle, vid. sepulta fuit sub initio mensis Junij.  
Johannes Rooffe sepultus 2 Martij, 1663.
1669. John Eaton was buried Oct. 8.

[After this year no more entries of burials in this book; but after many blank leaves is entered on the right side of a page what appears to be the copy of a Terrier, headed "Names Situation, Bounds."]

"A piece of Arable in Parkfield called peperland containing three acres and an half, with a little piece of underwood, and . . . . land is bounded on the north by a close of Jarwoods." [In the space on the left side is written "Edw. Rust late Edw. Case."]

A piece of Arable in the North Field containing four acres, is bounded on the north by John Whitbie's land, on the east by George Crown's, and toward the south by a piece of Rectory glebe 1 08 00. [On left, "Tho. Holman, A. Fenn, Wm. Gooding."]

Half a rood within a close of Mr. Melsop, bounded on the east by a close of Mr. Melsop, on the west by land late Wendles, on the north by Snape Close, and on the south by the entry once a part of Cooks 00 00 3/6. [On left, "Milksoy," over "Vicar's Glebe."]

Poor land contains two acres, 'tis bounded on the east and south by the high way, on the west and north by Dr. Jessop's land 00 15 00. [On left, "Rev. Ewen and others, late Mr. Fran. Jessop."]

A piece of Arable lying in a close of Edmund Pank, containing one acre, 'tis bounded with the land of the said Edmund northward, but towards the south by the land of Nic. Orton 00 07 00. [On the left, "H. Fenn, Wm. Gooding, Petr. Coble, now S. Barn."]

A rood of Arable in a close of the said Edm. Pank, called Ridens, it runs from ye acre above to now Fras. and others, its eastern head bound on a close of vicar's glebe within East Brad. 00 01 06. [The writing on left of last entry extends to this.]

A close of Arable within East Brad. is by estimation two acres, and bounded southward by Mrs. Burrow's land, but on the north by a close of Mr. Brograve 00 02 00, west by Ridens and the Road. [To left, "Mr. Franks, Edw. Rooans."]

A rood of Arable lying in East Brad. is bounded on the west by the field way over against Bull's road 00 10 08. [On left, "Brograve, Secr. Miller," and "This rood lies next an half acre of Mr. Bullock's, north, wch. half acre was formerly called Lor<sup>r</sup>. (?)  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre, and Mr. Wm. Clemens y<sup>s</sup> half acre lies north of ye land late Geo. Hudson's ('Rev. Bullock' over this.) Wm. Cropp<sup>r</sup>. of W<sup>t</sup>. Bradenham, y<sup>e</sup> glebe falls up Bullock's 4 piece East."]

A piece of Arable in the same East Brad. within a close of John Smithers' is bounded on the north by the said Smithers' land but on the south by the land of Will Trendle 00 03 04.

A piece of Arable lying in Lingham field containing three acres is bounded on the east and north by the land of Tho. Trendle [in margin, "Fran. Trendle"] but on the south by the High road and y<sup>e</sup> . . . . at the south end be wright [?]

One acre of Arable lying in a close of John [O. N.] Beckerton is bounded by a close of Edw. Coby on the east, on the south by the land of Tho. Trendle, bricklayer, but on the west by the orchard of Mr. Tho. [James] Trendle, through which orchard lies the way to it from the common, and within which orchard was also a little piece of glebe, for w<sup>ch</sup> four pence p ann. is paid to the vic. 00 10 04. [On left, "Wm. Graffar, thatcher, Mr. Lawrence," and in later hand, "Rev. Pigg, Rev. Tho. Young."]

One acre of Arable lying between the land of John Beckenham, [Rev. Pigg] and a piece belonging to Edward Coble 00 10 00. [On left, "Rev. Young, Mr. Laurence."]

One rood lying in a close of Tho. Rud, called Bottomlands, within one acre's breadth of Coulspitle row, 'tis bounded on the east with a pitle of land belonging to the said Tho. Rud and in East Brad. field, and is of the same length westward with Coulespitle. [On left, "Francis Trendle."]

Herbages by compact are:—

	A.	R.	P.
for Mr. Duns . . . . .	00	10	00
for Mr. Rampys with the Glebe . . . . .	1	05	00
for Mr. Panks 15 acres . . . . .	00	06	00
for Ric. Mins car-meddow . . . . .	00	03	00
for Leys . . . . .	01	01	00
Milsaps in the wood . . . . .	01	07	00
Bucknam Milsaps . . . . .	00	19	6
Stub and loge . . . . .	00	13	00

These, when not grazed, have paid and are to pay tithe in kind.

### A Terrier of the Rectory of West Bradenham Glebe.

#### Names, Situation, Bounds.

Meddow Priory is bounded on the East with the highway, on the West with the comon, and contains four acres.

An half acre lying in an inclosed meddow of Mr. Outlaw's [Mrs. Gooding] is bounded on the West with the land of Mr. Outlaw, on the east with Mr. Adamson's [Tho. Holman], on the north w<sup>th</sup> the Lords, and on the south with the river and bean pitle. 'Tis to find summer strawing for the church and winter also.

A piece in North Field containing two acres, bounded by Mr. Adamson's land [Tho. Holman] on the south, and by Vicar's Glebe on the north.

Tithe of all sorts of Grain is due to the Rector, nor is any land within this parish exempted from corn tithes, tho' at the same time it was customary herbage. There is a piece of land in East Brad. occupied by Will. Bullock which pays half tithe. There are two parcels of land in Hale which pay their whole tithes to the Rector or Vicar of West Brad. So do 4 pities in Necton pay half tithes to the Rector or vic' of this Parish. Two of the Pities belong to widow Fox, and the other two are occupied by Godfry Orton.

The Vicarage of West Brad. is valued at 45<sup>l</sup> p an., whereof 3<sup>l</sup> 05<sup>s</sup> 00 lyes within East Brad., so that the true value in West Brad. Rates of the Vicarage is 27<sup>l</sup> 10<sup>s</sup> 00, the third part being deducted.

The Parsonage is valued at 12<sup>l</sup> per ann., and therefore in the Rates is 8<sup>l</sup> p ann.

Both Vicarage and Parsonage pay to only Poor Rates; nor do they mend the highways.

Mortuaries are due to the Vicar from Debtless Goods if 5<sup>l</sup> then 3<sup>s</sup> 4<sup>d</sup>; 20 marks 6<sup>s</sup> 8<sup>d</sup>; 30<sup>l</sup>, 10<sup>s</sup>.

Bidding the Banns, if married out of the Parish 1<sup>s</sup> 06<sup>d</sup>. For mariages if on an holy day 1<sup>s</sup> 6<sup>d</sup>, week, 2<sup>s</sup>.

[After the foregoing entries fifty leaves are left blank, and ten leaves at the end of the book are occupied by entries of marriages, the heading being illegible, but beginning in 1539.]

Thomas Estwicke maryed w<sup>th</sup> Agnes Blythe the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Aperyll anno p<sup>di</sup>cto.

1541. John Monsawgh = Agnes Slappe widdowe 18 July.

“Marriages solemnized in the parish church of West Braddenham since ye Raigne of our soveraigne Lord Kynge Edward the sixt was began to Raigne over this Realme in the year of our Lord God 1547.”

John Smith maryed w<sup>th</sup> Amy Prat the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January anno p<sup>di</sup>cto.

Four others same year, three in 1548, two in 1549, one in 1550.

“Marriages solemnized in the Parish Church of West Braddenham since the raigne of our soveraigne Lady Queene Mary, whoe began her Raigne in the yeere of our Lord God 1583.”

[Some of these entries are quite illegible.] There was one marriage in 1551; one in 1558, viz. :—

Thomas Slappe w<sup>th</sup>. Margery Warde, Jan. 25.

“Marriages, &c., since the Raigne of our most gracious Soueraigne Lady Elizabeth, Queen of England, whoe began most happily to Raigne over this Realme the 17 day of November, &c., 1559.”

1560. Gyles Slappe, marryd w<sup>th</sup>. Margaret Drewrye 4 Aug.

1561. Thomas Tuddenham w<sup>th</sup>. Izabell True, 25 October.

1566. Edmonde Rudd with Agnes Reynolde, 15 Dec.

1567. Thomas Rudd wt. Elizabeth Auenell, 24 June.

1568. Thomas Imaye of Swaffham w<sup>th</sup>. Ellen Watson of West Braddenham, 6 Sept.

1570. Thomas Slappe w<sup>th</sup>. Marian Wrooe, 9 Aug.

1571. Thomas Bryde w<sup>th</sup>. Elizabeth Tuddenham, 21 July.

1572. Thomas Scott w<sup>th</sup>. Margery Keene vid. 11 July.

Thomas Munsawgh w<sup>th</sup>. Margery Plumbe, 5 Oct.

1575. Henry Slappe w<sup>th</sup>. Joane Slappe, d. of Margery, 8 Aug.

1582. Henry Hilton, Clerk = Joane Smeth, 19 June.

1584. Thomas Munsaugh with. Annah Mynnes, 7 Nov.

1585. John Munsawgh w<sup>th</sup>. Bridgitt Hendlow, 25 July.

Thomas Lombe w<sup>th</sup>. Joane Ranson, 26 Oct,

[No marriages in 1589, 1590.]

1591. Thomas Hoagen w<sup>th</sup>. Mary Monsawgh, 18 April.

1593. John Munsawgh w<sup>th</sup>. Annah Downeing, 4 June.

1593. Robert Small wth. Margaret Vasun, 19 Nov.

[No marriages in 1594, 1595.]

1596. Andrew Rudd wth. Elizabeth Peascode, 31 Oct.

1597. Edmonde Scott wth. Annah Warde, 15 June.

Richarde Scott wth. Margaret Howleing, 9 Nov.

1598. Nicholas Mason wth. Katheryne Bucke, 8 May.

Thomas Scott = Frances Kereson, 21 Sept.

1600. Thomas Scott wth. Grace Frances, 6 Apl.

1601. Mathew Mynes wth. Agnes Skafe, 13 July.

"Marriages, &c., since y<sup>e</sup> Raigne of our most Graciouse and dread soueraigne lorde kinge James, whoe began most happily to Raigne, &c., 1603."

1603. Nathaniell Aldum = Agnes Collyer, 15 Dec. 1603.

William Downeing wth. Agnes Shreeve, 4 Nov.

1605. Thomas Rudd wth. Elizabeth Nutcraft, 15 Sept.

1608. Thomas Rudd = Elizabeth Munsaugh, 17 Nov.

1610. John Barnewell wth. Bridgett Browne, 29 July.

1614. [Up to this time each page signed "Wm. Coop clerke."]

[Here is a change in the character of the handwriting.]

1618. Thomas Munsaugh of West Braddenham and Martha Bassam of Stowe Markett in Suffolke, 20 Aug.

1619. Thomas Munsaugh and Dorothe Dun of W. B. 15 Apl.

Edwarde Cony widdower and Suze Elizabeth Warde singlewoman, 4 July.

Thomas Austen of Wisbitch and Jeane Hoagan of W. B., 12 Oct.

1623. Robt. Jerrarde and Elizabeth Nelson, 3 Aug.

1626. John Vsher, singleman, and Joane Hunter, singlewoman, both of West bradnham, 30 Oct.

1629. John Vsher, widdower, and Katherine Wen, 23 Jan.

1639. Thomas Rud, widdower, and Margaret Sparrow, 23 Jan.

1640. Richard Johnson of Scarning, widdower, and Susan Donne, widow, 23 July.

1641. William Rud and Mary [torn.]

1642. Robert Munsaugh and Elizabeth Waters, 22 Nov.

1646. William Wenne of How, singlemā, and Anne Tempsō, singlewomā, 17 Nov.

1651. John Forbey and Margaret Gerrarde, 21 Oct.

1668. [Torn] Prudence Balders, wid., 30 June.

[Here again a change in the character of the handwriting.]

Will Adkins and Timothie Skarlet [or Shacket] Oct. 11, 1676.

James Raynold and Priccilla Ashlie, wid., May 22.

Rob. Munser and Rachel Miller, Oct. 4.

[From 1682 again a change.]

Robert Rud and Mary Carman, widdow, April 15, 1687.

Edward Shin of Little Fransham, widdower, and Margaret Mitchell, widdow, of this Parish, Oct. 9, 1688.

George Chilverhouse of W. B. and Ann Stukey of Necton, both single persons, Sept. 29, 1690.

Henry Fen and Frances Munshaw, both single, April 10, 1691.

Nicholas Orton of the Parish of St. Antholius in London, and Sarah Butcher of this parish, both single, Oct. 1, 1696.

Thomas Eyres of this parish and Anne Maykyns of East Braddenham, both single, Nov. 30, '99.

1701. Joseph Case of Little Fransham, single man, and Mary Atkyns of this parish, singlewoman, Nov. 5, 1701.
1704. William Orton and Mary Cocket, both single persons and of this parish, April 30, 1704.  
John Norris and Anne Clements, both single, Oct. 21, 1707.
1727. William Storer, a stroler, and Margaret Orton of this parish, Dec. 27.
1728. John Adcock, singleman, and Hannah Flood, both of South Burgh, were married Sept. 28. [The last entry in the book.]

[Other names occurring besides those extracted are, Dent, Hokley, Hoyle, Owen, Parsons, Newham, Renolds, Young.]

[For the foregoing entries a folio book has been made use of, of coarse paper, the water-mark of which appears to be a shield charged with three fleurs-de-lis, and resting on a kind of cushion, on which are some characters or letters unintelligible. Above the shield is a trefoil. Most of the pages have been divided into two columns by perpendicular lines. At the top of each of these is written a heading of some word, maxim, motto, or proverb, in alphabetical sequence like a cyclopædia, and in some few of the columns are extracts from old authors treating on the subject in question, some Latin, some Greek, and some English, all written very clearly. They are curious and interesting to the scholar, but quite foreign to my subject, so I only direct attention to them as giving additional value to this book.]

[William Cooper, who copied the original registers into this book, was appointed Vicar in 1603, but there is no notice when the copies end and his own entries begin.]

[The pages containing entries from 1661 to 1664 inclusive are signed by "Guil. Shene. Curat."]

Extracts from the Register of West Bradenham of "y<sup>e</sup> Burials of all such as have been buried in woollen and nothing but woollen, according to y<sup>e</sup> Act of Parliament set forth for y<sup>e</sup> purpose, beginning Aug. 1, 1678."

Susan Fenn was buried in woollen and nothing but woollen, according to y<sup>e</sup> Act, as appeared by affidavitt made before Justice Green of East Bradenham Sept. 2, 1678.

Ann Girling, wid., was buried, &c. (as in last), Oct. 25, 1678.

Mary, the wife of John Minn, &c., dated Dec. 19, 1678.

Margaret Rudd, &c., affidavit, &c., dated May 17, 1679.

1680. Rachell Munser, &c., affidavit made, &c., 31 Dec.

Will. Rudd, &c., made, &c., Jan. 1.

1681. Thomas Rudd was buried in woollen, Aug. 9.

Margaret Trendle, ,, ,, Sept. 12.

Nicolas Booth, clerk, ,, Dec. 15.

Elizabeth Booth was buried in sheep's woollen only, March 1, 1684.

Anne Ashly, singlewoman ,, ,, June 21, 1685.

Stewart, the son of Tho. and Susan Rudd, buried Feb. 27, 1684, in sheep's woollen only.

Mary Ashly, widd., April 26, 1686.

1686. Robt. Munnsaw was buried about this time [between June 10 and 18.]

Rose Munsaw was buried in sheep's woollen only, June 18.

Edmund, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Rudd, was buried in sheep's woollen only, Jan. 10, 1690.

William Rudd, in sheep's woollen only, Dec. 8, 1691.

Mary and Catherine, das. of Thomas and Elizabeth Rudd, &c., Feb. 17, 1691.

Mr. Samuel Seaman, in sheep's woollen only, March 31, 1694.

John, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Rudd, &c., March 20th, 1695.

John, ,, ,, March 27th, 1701.

Elizabeth Ireson, May 30th, 1701.

1686. Mary, the daughter of Elizabeth Rudd and Nathanael Cooper the reputed father, Sept. 20th, 1701.  
Henry, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Trendle, Sept. 15, 1702.

[Affidavit not mentioned after Jan. 14, 1680.]

Catherine Scott, widow, March 28, 1703.  
Nathanael, son of Nathanael and Mary Cooper, March 22, 1703.  
Elizabeth, the wife of Thomas Rudd, July 22, 1705.  
Stewart, son of Thomas and Susan Rudd, Jany. 10, 1705.  
Mary, the daughter of Clement and Ann Cockett, Jany. 21, 1705.  
John Minns the elder, July 5, 1707.

[All hitherto, 1708, "buried in sheep's woollen only." Not mentioned after March 9, 1708.]

- Amy Sparrow, widow, Apr. 7, 1709.  
Anne Davy, 9 Nov., 1709.  
Nicolas Rudd, Jany. 5, 1710.  
Mary, the daughter of Clement and Ann Cockett, April 8, 1711.  
Henry Chilverhouse, Oct. 21, 1710.  
Thomas Norris, widower, March 23, 1715.  
1716. William Ralph, son of William and Rachel Bird, June 20.  
Nicolas Orton, widower, Jan 1, 1716.  
Thomas Orton, Jan. 28 [1717.]  
Thomas Rudd, March 29, 1718.  
Mr. Samuel Needham, Vicr., was buried Sept. 25, 1718.  
Ann Coulsey of Necton, widow, Jany. 26, 1718.  
Mary Rudd, widow, Jany. 28, 1718.  
Alice Needham, Aug. 17, 1719.  
Stephen, son of Robert Secker and Deborah, Dec. 24, 1719.  
Robert Secker, May 24, 1722.  
1723 and 4. [Burials again entered, "in sheep's wool only," but not after.]  
1725. May 26, Susanna Cockett of Shipdham, 6<sup>s</sup> 8<sup>d</sup>.  
1728. [Baptisms, burials, and marriages now entered indiscriminately.]  
1729. Buried Apr. 29, Mary Norris.  
1730. Bapt. Oct. 3, Ann Topping, d. of Hen. and Margt.  
Buryd May 5, Thos. Trendle.  
,, Oct. 5, Ann Topping, Infant.  
1731. Buried Nov. 12, Clement Cockett.  
Feb. 28, Eliz. Townshend, Gent.  
,, Ann Cockett.  
1734. Baptism, Rhoda Holland, d. of Thos. and Jane.  
Married Sept. 12, Wm. Clemence, Dinah Lane.  
1735. Bapt. June 30, Robt. Norris, s. of Benjn. and Mary.  
1736. Bapt. Aug. 10, Elizabeth Norris, d. of Benjn. and Mary.  
1737. Bapt. June 10, Thos. Trendle, s. of Forby and Margt.  
Buried March 19, John Norris.  
1739. Bapt. May 29, Mary Norris, d. of Benjn. and Mary.  
Married Sept. 26, Wm. Clemence, Sarah Bull'k.  
1740. Bapt. May 17, Wm. Ethridg, s. of Hen. and Mary.  
Buried May 9, Will. Clemence.  
,, Jan. 5, Eliz. Trendle.



1741. Bapt. July 10, Forby Trendle, s. of Forby and Margt.  
 1742. Buryd Oct. 14, Thos. Trendle.  
       Married, Frank Secker, Elizth. Mallet.  
 1744. Bapt. June 20, John Secker, s. of John and Frances.  
       Buryd July 2, John Secker.  
 1745. Bapt. Aug. 18, John Etheridge, s. of Hen. and Mary.  
       Buried, Stuart Cooper.  
 1746. Bapt. Aug. 22, Benj. Norris, s. of Benj. and Mary.  
       March 12, Wm. Secker, s. of Mark and Elizth.  
       Buried March 12, Ann Cocket.  
 1747. Buried Nov. 6, Thos. Clemence. 7, Mary Clemence.  
       March 12, Ann Cocket.  
 1748. Bapt. Apr. 11, Hen. Etheridge, s. of Hen. and Mary.  
       Oct. 1, John Secker, s. of John and Frances.  
       Nov. 10, Wm. Secker, s. of Mark and Elizth.  
       Buried Sept. 10, John Clemence.  
       Dec. 22, John Secker, s. of John and Frances.  
 1751. Bapt. June 7, Sarah Etheridge, d. of Hen. and Mary.  
       Buried May 19, Elizth. Minn.  
       Oct. 12, Thos. Trendle.  
       Married Apl. 7, Wm. Rapier, Alice Rapier.  
 1752. Buried Feby. 1, Randal Minn. 2, Wm. Cocket.  
 1753. Buried April 5, Jane Holland.  
       Sept., Ezechl. Adcock.  
 1754. Bapt. July 9, Margt. Trendle, d. of Forby and Margaret.  
       Buried May 4, Mrs. Cooper.  
 1755. Buryd Aug. 2, Ann Rudd.  
       Feb. 14, Deborah Secker.  
 1758. Buryd June 30, John Adcock.  
       Dec. 5, Thos. Trendle.  
 1759. Bapt. Nov. 11, Frances Etheridge, d. of Hen. and Mary.  
 1760. Buried Apl. 9, Mary Etheridge.  
       Dec. 6, Thos. Rudd.  
 1762. Buried Sept. 9, Henry Etheridge.  
 1763. Bapt. June 6, Geo. Secker, d. of Mark and Ester.  
 1767. Buried March 31, Francis Trendle.  
 1768. Bapt. Dec. 3, Frances Trendle, of Forby and Susan.  
 1769. Bapt. March 29, Mary Hastings, d. of Wm. and Elizth.  
       Buried Nov. 29, Amy Munshaw.  
 1770. Burials, Sept. 22, Beckerton's bastard. 26, another.  
       28, Claxton's Bastard.  
       Jany. 12, Miss Sopha Townshend.  
 1773. Bapts. Aug. 11, Two, of Girlings from Wendling.  
       Oct. 27, Susan, d. of Forby and Susan Trendle.  
 1774. Jan. 9, Benjamin, s. of Benjamin and Elizth. Norris.  
       31, John, s. of Thomas and Ann Shearing.  
       Feb. 20, Ann, d. of Robert and Ann Girling.  
       Funerals. Mar. 19, Ann Girling.

- Baptisms. 1778. Aug. 29, Margaret, d. of Forby and Susan Trendle.  
 1779. Jan. 12, Ann, d. of Christopher and Susanna Adcock.  
 Jan. 17, Robert, s. of Thomas and Ann Shearing.
- Funerals. 1775. Oct. 10, Margaret Topping.  
 1776. May 20, Frances Townshend.  
 July 9, Forby Trendle.  
 1777. March 8, Margaret Trendle.  
 1778. Sep. 3, Margaret Trendle.  
 1779. May 31, Henry Topping, Clerk, Rector of Cockley Cley.
- Baptisms. 1780. Ap. 16, Haysted, son of George and Elizabeth Hayhow.  
 1781. May 7, Richard, s. of Thomas and Ann Sheering.  
 Aug. 10, Helen, d. of Forby and Susanna Trendle.
- Funerals. 1780. Dec. 24, Mary Thorold.  
 1782. Apr. 25, Thomas Topping of Penryn, Cornwall, my dear Father, Collector of Excise for that County.  
 July 25, John Spurgeon of Holm Hale.  
 1783. Jan. 12, Dorothy Secker.

The following Births and Burials are transcribed from a Register obtained according to an Act for granting to His Majesty a Stamp Duty of Threepence on the Registry of Births and Burials, to commence from the First day of October, 1783.

1784. Feb. 16, Mason, son of Christopher Adcock and Anne his wife, late Ann Mason, spinster, of Hempen Green, was publicly baptised.
- Burials from Oct. 1, 1783. [Burial, March 18, 1784.]
1785. Oct. 23, Elizabeth, d. of Francis and Amey Secker his wife, late Amy Payne of Gressenhall, was publicly baptised.
- Burials. 1785. Nov. 20, Mary Smyth, wife of James Smyth, Esq., aged 52 years.
- Baptisms. 1786. Jan. 11, John, s. of James and Elizabeth Judd (late Elizabeth Huson, spinster, of Necton) an Infant, was publicly baptised.
- Buried, April 9, John Judd, an infant.

Baptisms (by License according to Act of Parliament.)

1788. Nov. 9, Amelia Antonietta, d. of Philip and Elizabeth Green, baptized.  
 Signed, James Bentham, Rector of West Bradenham.  
 Forby Trendle, James Judd, Churchwardens.
- Burials. 1788. June 27, The Rev. Charles Topping, late Vicar of this Parish.
1790. Baptisms. April 18, Benjamin, s. of Mary and James Barker, publicly baptized.

“Made a return of Baptisms hitherto and began the new Register, James Bentham, Vicar.”

1790. Burials. After four entries, “Made a return of these Burials at the Primary Visitation of George Id. Bp. of Norwich, held at Swaffham June 27, 1791. James Bentham, Vicar. For the original, turn to the new West Bradenham Register.”

In the same book, after the Registration Entries, is—

“A True Terrier of the Glebe Lands, Messuages, Portion of Tithes, and other Rights belonging to the Vicarage of West Bradenham in the County of Norfolk, and now in the use and possession of the Reverend James Bentham, Vicar there, or his tenants; taken,

made, and renewed according to the old Evidences and Knowledge of the antient Inhabitants the twenty-seventh day of June, in the year of our Lord Christ seventeen hundred and ninety-one, and exhibited in the Ordinary Visitation of the Right Reverend Father in God George [Charles]<sup>1</sup> Lord Bishop of Norwich, holden at Swaffham."

Imprimis the Vicarage House with the House setting, contains by estimation two acres; being on the East and North bounded by the Church Land, on the West by Lock Meadow, and on the South by the River. Also Lock Meadow contains three acres, and is bounded Westward with Broad Meadow, Southward with the River, and Northward with Basil Yard. Also Basil Yard is by estimation one acre and an half, being bounded on the West by the Lands formerly of Thomas Gooding and now of Edward Farrer, and Northward by the Churchyard. Also a parcel of meadow between the River and Priory, contains one acre and an half, being bounded on the West by the Common. Also Bean Pightle, contains one acre, and is bounded on the North by a meadow formerly of Thomas Gooding and now of Mrs. Elwin, but Eastward by a Piece belonging, as supposed (by James Smyth, Esq.), to the Poor, having been given for strawing the Church, and hereinafter mentioned among the Rectory lands. Also a Parcel of meadow in Stone Bridge Meadow, by estimation one acre, bounded on the West by a Close formerly of Thomas Rudd, on the North by the Highway, on the East by a Piece formerly belonging to Thomas Gowing. Also a Parcel of Meadow containing eighteen Feet in Breadth . . . . Stone Bridge Meadow. Also a Parcel of meadow in the same meadow, a few swaths, bounded southward by a close late of Henry Fenn, northward by a Piece of the Lord's, and being of the same length as an half acre of Glebe newly inclosed in broad (Dead Man's Bush). Also a Parcel containing half an acre, lying in Church Meadow, is bounded South and West by Broad Meadow, but on the North by the Church Way. Also a Parcel of Meadow, containing half an acre, is bounded by a close formerly Begham's, on the East by Edward Farrer's Land. Also a Parcel lying in Snape Meadow, containing half an acre, bounded on the North by formerly John Whitby's Lands, and on the South by late Eaton's. Also a Close called Duncroft in East Bradenham, containing four acres, is bounded Eastward by the Town Lands of East Bradenham, but also by the Common. Also Snape Close contains seven acres, and is bounded Eastward by a Close formerly of Mr. Jessop and now Mrs. Iveson's, Westward by a Close of Thomas Gooding's, now of Edmund Farrer, through which the way to it lies, and by a piece of Glebe in North Field. Also Long Close, contains fifteen acres, and is bounded on the North by Futter's, on the West and South by the Lord's. Also a Parcel lying between Lands formerly of Mr. Goulston Eastward, Land formerly Mr. Ramsey's Westward, contains half an acre. Also a Parcel lying between the Leys and formerly Mr. Ramsey's Land, containing one acre. Also a Parcel within a close formerly of John Whitby, bounded by formerly Mr. Gouldstone's Land Eastward, and the said Whitby's Land Westward, by a White Thorn Bush at the end next to the Highway; it contains half an acre. Also a Parcel containing one acre lying in a close called Miller's, bounded on the East by Lands formerly of Mr. Jessop, in the Brow of which Ditch the mere stones are to be seen, but on other sides by Lands formerly Mr. Mellsope. Also a Parcel within the Lands of William Mason, Esq<sup>r</sup>., containing one acre, bounded by a Ditch on the South and North ends and West side, and by a Pit on the North East end. Also Rydon Sand Pits contain two acres, and is bounded by the Highway Westward, and by a close formerly of John Whitby southward. Also the Churchyard contains half an acre.

Arable Lands. Shepherd's Croft contains four acres, and is bounded on the East by the Common, on the West by Lands formerly of Thomas Trendle and now of Forby Trendle, on the South also by the Land of the same Mr. Trendle, and on the North end by a close formerly of Thomas Rudd and now of the said Forby Trendle. Also a Parcel of Arable Lands lying in Church Field containing four acres, bounded on the East and West by the Lands of the Lords and on the Botts Croft, North by the Highway, and hath a litle

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<sup>1</sup> Written over in the MS.

piece of Grass over the way Southward. Also a piece of arable land in the same Field containing one rood, with a piece of mowing ground at the end of it, bounded by land formerly of Thomas Gooding on the West, and by Churchmeadow southward. Also a parcel of arable land containing half an acre, bounded by the Field Way on the West, and by the land formerly of Thomas Gooding on the other parts. Also a parcel of Arable land in the same Field containing three acres, bounded on the North by Charles' Close, on the East by the Lord's, but Westward by a piece of Waste land. Also a Piece of arable land in Park Field called Pepper Land, containing three acres and a half, with a little piece of underwood, is bounded on the north by a close formerly Jarwood's. Also a Piece of arable land in North Field containing four acres, is bounded on the North by Land formerly John Whitby's, on the East by land formerly of Thomas Goodwin, and towards the South by a Piece of Rectory Glebe. Also half a rood within a Close formerly of Mr. Mellsop, bounded on the East by a close of the same Mr. Mellsop, on the West by land late Trundle's, on the North by Snape Close, and on the South by the Entry, once a part of Packs. Also Penland containing two acres; it is bounded on the East and South by the Highway, on the West and North by land formerly of Mr. Jessop. Also a Piece of arable land lying in land formerly of Edmund Pank, containing one acre; it is bounded with the land formerly of the said Edmund northward, but towards the south with land formerly of Nich. Orton. Also a Rood of arable land in a close formerly of the said Edmund Pank called Rydens, its Eastern head bounded on a Close of Vicar's Glebe within East Bradenham. Also a Close of arable land within East Bradenham is by estimation two acres, and bounded Southward by Land formerly Mrs. Burrow's, but on the North by a Close formerly of Mrs. Amys's. Also a rood of arable land lying in East Bradenham is bounded on the West by the Field Way over against Bull's Rood. Also a Piece of Arable land in the same East Bradenham within a close formerly of Goodman Legate, is bounded on the North by the said Legate's land, but on the South by the Land formerly of William Trendle. Also a Piece of Arable Land lying in Lingham Field containing three acres is bounded on the East and North by the land formerly of Thomas Trendle, now Forby Trendle's, but on the South by the Highway. Also one acre of Arable Land lying in a Close formerly of John Becarton is bounded by a Close formerly of Edward Coble on the East, on the South by the Lands formerly of Thomas Trendle, Bricklayer, and now of James Trendle, but on the West by the Orchard formerly of the said Thomas Trendle, through which Orchard lies the way to it from the Common, and within which Orchard lyes also a little piece of Glebe for which four pence per annum is paid to the Vicar. Also one acre of Arable Land lying between the land formerly of John Becarton and a piece formerly belonging to Edward Coble. Also one rood lying in a Close formerly of Thomas Rudd, called Bottom Lands, within one acre breadth of Coop's Pightle Row; it is bounded on the East with a piece of Land formerly belonging to the said Thomas Rudd in East Bradenham Field, and is of the same length Eastward Cootes' Pightle. Also a Close in Hunt's Field containing by estimation seven acres, is bounded on the North and South by the Land formerly of Thomas Rudd and now of the aforesaid Forby Trendle, but on the East by the Common Field of East Bradenham.<sup>1</sup> In all eighty-one acres three roods and eighteen feet.

The Vicar of West Bradenham for the time being is possessed of a Lease of the Rectory of the said Parish, and all Tythes thereunto belonging, from the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Ely, renewable every seven years, and paying to the Bishop of Ely four pounds p annum as a reserved Rent.

#### A Terrier of the Rectory Glebe of West Bradenham.

Imp̃ Priory containing by Estimation four Acres is bounded on the East by the Highway, and on the West with the Common. Half an Acre lying in an Inclose meadow formerly of Thomas Goodwin is bounded on the West by the Land formerly of the said Thomas Goodwin, on the East by Land formerly of John Whitby, on the North with the Lord's, and on the South with the River and Bean Pightle; it was

<sup>1</sup> This Terrier, as far as relates to the Vicarage Glebe, corresponds with that before extracted from the earlier Register, but somewhat modernised.

to find summer straw for the church, in winter also, which having been for many years discontinued, in the year 1786 it was apprehended by the then Churchwardens of the said Parish of West Bradenham that the said Piece of Land became and was to be taken as a charitable use for the Benefit of the Poor of the said Parish, and the said Churchwardens then made their return required by Act of Parliament accordingly.<sup>1</sup>

A Piece in North Field containing two acres, bounded by land formerly of John Whitby on the South and by Vicar's Glebe on the North. In all 6 acres and an half.

The Tithes of Wool, Lamb, Calves, Hay, &c., as may further appear by the Register Book belonging to the Vicar of West Bradenham throughout the whole Parish only.

The Woodlands are exempted from Vicar's Tythes as the underwoods formerly rented by Thomas Rudd and now by James Rudd and containing about 50 acres.

Several closes formerly occupied by Nicholas Minn and now by Matthew Norton.

Two Closes formerly rented by Thomas Rudd and Thomas Clemence and now by the said James Judd. Also several other Closes formerly rented by Thomas Clemence and now by James Smyth, Esq., and the said James Judd, and containing about 33 acres, are exempted from Vicar's Tythe.

Herbages by custome are, for formerly Wootton's 13s. 4d.; for Mr. Mason's £5; for formerly Futter's 2s. 4d.; for formerly Mr. Goulston's 2s. 6d.; for formerly Cooke's Close 1s. 6d.; for formerly Mr. Cowles' 6d.; for formerly Mr. Huggins' 1s.

Mortuaries are due to the Vicar from debtless goods: if £5, then 3s. 4d.; if 20 marks, 6s. 8d.; if £30, 10s. The Vicarage is laid in West Bradenham Poor-rates at £27. 10s. per annum; near £3 a year lying in East Bradenham.

Tithe of all sorts of grain is due to the Rectory, nor is any land within this Parish exempted from corn tithe, tho' at the same time it pay customary Herbage. There is one acre of land in East Bradenham formerly belonging to Edward Coble which pays half tithe. Then two parcels of land in Hale which are said to pay their whole tithe to the Rector or Vicar of West Bradenham; so do 4 Fittles in Necton pay half tithes to the Rector or Vicar of West Bradenham, 2 of which formerly belonged to Thomas Fox, and the other two lately to Godfry Orton. The Rectory is laid in the Poor rates at 8s. per annum.

A true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods, Books, Ornaments, and Utensils belonging to the Parish and Parish Church of West Bradenham aforesaid.

Imprimis One Pewter Flagon, one Silver Chalice with the cover of silver, one Silver Plate, one green Carpet, one Linnen Cloth and Napkin for the Communion Table, one Surplice, A green Cloth, Cushion, and Desk Cloth; one large Bible of the last Translation, one comon Prayer Book, Three Bells, and a Chest with one Lock.

May 7, 1706.

In Testimony of the Truth of the within mentioned particulars, we, the Minister, Churchwarden, and chief Inhabitants, have set our hands the day and year above written.

Sam. Needham, Vic.

Thomas Trendle, Churchwarden.

Chief Inhabitants, Thomas Clemence.

Thomas Gooding.

Tho. Rudd.

Edward Coble.

Examined with the original

Terrier by me,

Robt. Cross,

Depy. Reg.

<sup>1</sup> Hereunder is written as a note:—"Which was objected to by my Predecessor, and has continued to be protested against by me as Vicar. James Benthams."

## Extracts from further "Registers by Act of Parliament."

1754. Banns of marriage between John Green of W. Bradenham and Mary Lucas late of Caldecot, 17 and 24 Nov. and 1 Dec. Married 5 Dec., 1754.
1758. Thomas Bringloe, widower, of Shipdham, and Frances Fenn, widow, of this Parish, married by License by J. G. Micklethwaite.
1760. Between Daniel Wingfield of W. B., and Mary Parlet of same, Banns 28 Sept., 5 and 12 Oct. Marriage 14 Oct. 1760.
1761. Between John Webb of W. Bradenham and Mary Norriss of same, 12, 19, and 26 April. Marriage 12 June, 1761.
1771. Banns between John Thorold, singleman, and Mary Snelling, widow, of the same, 5, 12, and 19 April. Married 21 April.
1773. John Norton of W. B., singleman, and Sarah Hastings, single woman, by License, 28 Oct.
1774. James Norton of W. B., single, and Barthelina Brewer of Deal, co. Kent, a minor, by license, 7 Sept., 1774.
1778. Banns between Richard Leit of this Parish, widower, and Amy Utterige of Necton, 20 and 27 Dec., and 3 Jan. 1779.
1782. Bartholomew Edwards of Hetherset, sing., and Mary Smyth of this Parish, single w., by licence, 4 Dec., 1782.

The use of the book with printed forms was discontinued in 1783, and one with parchment leaves introduced in 1791.

- Burials, 1791. April 5, Margaret Trendel, widow of Forby Trendel, aged 85 years, was buried.
1792. Aug. 7, Catherine Jarvis brought over from Fransham, aged 57.
1793. Elizabeth Palgrave Smyth, d. of John and Mary, an infant, bur. May 11 (bapt. Apr. 11.) May 28, Mary, the wife of John Smyth, was buried, aged 39 years.
1794. Elizabeth, the wife of Stephen Watson, was buried, supposed to have been murdered by her husband.
1795. March 13, Mary, d. of James and Elizabeth Judd, bur., an infant.

Mem. On Monday, March 23, 1795, Stephen Watson was tried at the Thetford Assizes for the murder of his wife Elizabeth; being convicted of the charge, was condemned to suffer death on the Wednesday following, and afterwards hung in chains on West Bradenham Common.

1795. April 3, Richard, s. of Stephen and Elizabeth Watson, late Elizabeth Harvey, was publicly bapt., being two years old, and only 13 days after Stephen was convicted at the Thetford Assizes for the murder of his wife Elizabeth.
1797. March 5, Hammond Jarves, s. of James and Elizabeth, late Elizabeth Constable, was privately baptized. (Pub. Bap. May 10, 1798.)  
Dec. 3, Jarvis Mary Ann, d. of Edmund and Margaret, late Margaret Norris, spinster, privately bapt.
1799. Jan. 25, Harriet Judd, d. of James and Elizabeth, late Elizabeth Hewson, spinster, publicly bapt., aged five years.  
James Smyth, Esq., aged 84 years, was buried May 22, 1800.
1801. Ann Topping (widow of the late Rev. Cha. Topping) aged 79 years, was buried 7 of Sept.
1804. Dec. 12, Mrs. Barthalina Norton, widow of James, late of Holme Hale, was buried, aged 48 years.
1808. Dec. 13, John Montague Poore, Esq., a resident in this Parish, was buried, aged 26 years.

1809. Dec. 31, Edward, s. of Robert and Margaret Rust, late Empleford, was buried, an infant.

1809. April, born 28, Richard, s. of Samuel and Mary Shearing (late Mary Coble) was baptized (Rec. into church Feb. 24, 1812.)

June 25, John Charles Montague, s. of John Montague, lately deceased, and Elizabeth Poore.

The last entry of Baptisms in this book is dated December 17th, 1812, and signed by James Bentham, Vicar. The first five pages, 1791—1795, by him and by Benj. Norton, James Judd, Churchwardens; 1790—1799, James Judd and Forby Trendle, Churchwardens; 1799—1802, John Balls and Forby Trendle, Churchwardens; 1803, 1804, Forby Trendle and James Winkfield, Churchwardens, as also 1806—8. The remaining entries by Mr. Bentham only.

#### Account of the Poor's Allotment for Firing, &c.

1. Allotment contains 11a. 2r. 16p., bounded on the North by land allotted to the Town Estate, East by the new Public Road, on the South by land allotted to Forby Trendle, and on the West by land allotted to Wm. Mason, Esq.

2. Allotment containing 2a. 2r. 26p. bounded on the North and part of the East by land allotted to Thos. Smyth, Esq., and on the South and remainder of the East by inclosed land of Jas. Trundle, and on the West by the said Public Road.

Fencing.—For the 1st allotment on the North and East parts thereof.

For the 2nd allotment on all the open parts and sides thereof.

#### Account of the Town Estate in West Bradenham.

Allotment containing 7a. 3r. 25p., bounded on part of the North by the River, on parts of the East and remaining parts of the North by land allotted to Jno. Browne, on the remaining parts of the East by the new Public Road, on the South by land allotted to the Poor, and on the West by land allotted to Wm. Mason. Fencing on the whole of the North and East parts thereof.

Entered by Mr. Bentham at the beginning of the last Register, towards the end of which is a copy of the Terrier presented at the Bishop's Visitation at Swaffham, July 4, 1813.

#### West Bradenham Charity Land.

Samuel Frost of West Bradenham, yeoman, on 25 Jan., 1750, surrendered a messuage or cottage in which he did then live, next a messuage of John Chilvers West, and the road of the manor East, and abutting on the West, North, and South, with the appurtenances, copyhold of the manor of West Bradenham,<sup>1</sup> to the use of Henry Fenn the elder, Henry Fenn the yor., and Francis Trendle, all Inhabitants and owners of lands within the s<sup>d</sup> Parish and their heirs, In Trust for the use and benefit of the Poor of the s<sup>d</sup> Parish. And at a court holden for the manor on 1 August, 1753, the surrenderees were admitted tenants in trust as aforesaid.

At a court held for the manor of West Bradenham 31st July, 1688, it was presented that on 11th October in the preceding year William Monshaw surrendered a Tenement containing one acre called Wright's to the use of Thomas Rud, churchwarden of West Bradenham, and Edward Cobble, overseer of the Poor, for the sole use and benefit of the poor inhabitants of West Bradenham forever; and they were admitted

<sup>1</sup> To which he was admitted in 1718, on surrender of Peter Needham, D.D.

accordingly to the premises described as a tenement void called *Wright's* in West Bradenham, between land of Robert Dun and land of the lord, called *Martin's Yard*, which said Wm. Monshaw had in 1680, after the death of Robert Munshaw. And at the same court, on the surrender of said T. Rudd and E. Cobble and regrant of the lord, the said Thomas Rudd and Edward Cobble, with Thomas Goodwyn, sen., Thomas Goodwyn, jun., Thomas Trundle, Edward Cobble, jun., and John Whitbie, were admitted as trustees, "for the sole use and benefit of the poor inhabitants of the said parish."

And at a court holden on 1st Aug., 1758, on the surrender of Thomas Rudd, the only surviving trustee, James Trendle of East Dereham, Francis Trendle, Thomas Trendle, Forby Trendle the elder, and Henry Fenn the younger, were admitted trustees.

In the Parliamentary Returns of 1786, under the head of West Bradenham, are mentioned several benefactions in land derived from Richard Brotherwick and four other persons, for bread and money to the poor.

The Commissioners under the Inclosure Act set out to Forby Trendle, &c., the land and cottage thereon, described, as and for the cottage and land copyhold of the manor of West Bradenham, which the trustees held and to which they were admitted as abovesaid; and also to Henry Fenn as trustee for the poor, 34 perches with a cottage thereon, and 2a. 2r. 25p., for or in lieu of 2a. 3r. 4p. of copyhold with a cottage thereon, to which he stood admitted as surviving trustee. In 1804 (Dec. 17th) Forby Trendle and the other trustees were admitted under the award, and 24th April, 1817, Robert Chandler, Thomas Farrer, and John Young were admitted on the same trusts. The Fuel Allotment has been mentioned on giving extracts from the contents of the award.

"The messuage wherein Robt. Bennett lived, standing at the north side of the common, was repaired in October and Novr., 1784, and March, 1785, the materials for which, amounting to £8. 18s. 4d., were given by James Smyth, Esq., that the poor might receive distribution of the rents without deduction for repairs."

"The messuage near the south side of the common, and formerly Edmund Williamson's, being in a very ruinous condition, was rebuilt and enlarged in 1786. The timbers, valued at £20. 18s. 6d., were given by James Smyth, Esq., that the poor families might receive distribution of the rents of the charity estates without any deduction." The bills for workmanship, &c., amounting to £52. 13s. 10d. in addition, were paid by a rate.

## WEST BRADENHAM RECENT PARISH MEMORANDA.

The following statement of the relative yearly values of the several estates in West Bradenham, with the names of the occupiers, is taken from the assessment to a church-rate made on 5th April, 1786, at 3d. in the pound, from a churchwardens' book in private hands.

### Valuation.

£.	s.	d.	
18	0	0	James Smyth, Esq., for mansion-house and lands.
10	0	0	Mr. Forby Trendle for dwelling-house and lands.
8	0	0	„ more for late Rudd's.
4	10	0	„ more for <i>White Oak Close</i> and <i>Langham Meadow</i> .
2	10	0	„ more, formerly Fenn's.
1	0	0	„ more, <i>Isome Close</i> . <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Probably Isawes or Ishales.



£.	s.	d.	
52	0	0	Mr. James Judd for the Lordship. <sup>2</sup>
13	10	0	„ more for the underwood and Barker's.
12	0	0	Mr. Henry Fenn for his messuage and lands formerly Goodings'.
5	0	0	„ more for lands called <i>Reydon's</i> .
2	0	0	„ more, formerly Athill's.
1	10	0	„ more, formerly High's.
4	10	0	Mrs. Frances Fenn, widow, for her messuage and lands.
2	0	0	„ „ more, late Woodcock's, formerly Coble's.
24	0	0	„ „ more for Strudwick's, formerly Woodhouse and Futter's.
4	0	0	„ „ more for Mr. Rust's.
48	0	0	Mr. William Norton.
6	0	0	John Tenant for late Bridges, Esq.
5	10	0	„ more, late Childerhouse's.
3	0	0	„ more for <i>Howling's Meadow</i> .
2	0	0	„ more, late Brownse's.
4	0	0	Jane Howling, w <sup>o</sup> , for late Trundle's.
4	0	0	„ more, formerly Rudd's.
2	0	0	„ more for Mr. Girling's late Beckerton's.
8	0	0	Robert Blackwood.
4	10	0	Thomas Wright for late Orton's and the <i>Whin Close</i> .
4	0	0	Hamond Flood for Elwin's, Esq., late Eldred's.
4	0	0	Philip Green.
4	0	0	Benjamin Norris for Mr. Trundle's, formerly Nobes's.
3	0	0	Thomas Shearing for Mr. Stratton's, late Platford's.
2	0	0	„ more for formerly Cawkett's [Cocket's?]

[Other occupiers' names: Christopher Adcock, Willm. Bensley, Tho. Green, John Whalls, Charles Roberts, Ann Adams, widow, Edmd. Garner, Henry Burrows, Richard Watson, down to £1 valuation.]

#### Out Residents.

57	10	0	William Mason, Esq.
14	0	0	Mr. Philip Lyon for Lord's lands.
12	0	0	„ more for his own.
2	0	0	„ more for late Glover's.
10	10	0	Mr. James Meadows for Mr. Rust's lands, formerly Barkley's.
17	10	0	Mr. Jeremiah Reynolds for <i>The Lays</i> .
10	0	0	„ more, late <i>Melsop's</i> .
8	0	0	Mr. W. Bensley for late Ramsley's.
6	0	0	Farmer Trollop for late Mr. Blomfield's.

Also Daniel Young and W. Wiffin.

The total valuation was £428. The amount of rate £5. 7s. 0d. Signed by Henry Fenn and James Judd, Churchwardens, also by Jas. Smyth and Forby Trendle.

The disbursements include payments for bread and wine for communion at Easter, Witsun Day, and Christmas Day, 4s. 4d. each time; for presentments for Visitation or "General" fees; and churchwardens' journeys and expenses; for carpenter's work for fences at churchyard and church gate; for deals for seats at west end of the church; clerk's salary 10s.; amounting altogether to £10. 1s. 0d.

<sup>2</sup> In other places, "The Lord's Farm," "Mr. Smyth's lands."

At the vestry meeting on 17th April, 1786, (being Easter Monday) the Rev. Charles Topping, the vicar, chose Mr. Henry Fenn to be one of the churchwardens, and the parishioners present chose Mr. James Judd. Whereas in 1787 James Judd was appointed by the vicar and Forby Trendle by the parishioners. And the same were reappointed in 1788.

Amongst the payments for the latter year were 2s. 6d. for destroying 15 dozen jackdaws and sparrows in June, and again 5s. 1d. in December for 29 dozen of those birds.

In 1789 are two entries for forms of prayer to be read in church of 6d. each paid to the apparitor, Nov. 22nd and March 8th. 1s. 10d. for 11 dozen sparrows, and 4s. 10d. for 28 dozen more of sparrows and jackdaws.

In 1789-90, again for a form of prayer, and for destroying 37 dozen young sparrows at 2d. per dozen, 6 dozen old sparrows at 3d., and for 2 dozen and 8 jackdaws at 6d. the dozen.

The assessments for the rates were still made upon the old valuations each year, with a few alterations in the names, *i.e.*, Frances Fenn was now Frances Bringloe, and she was charged at £24 more for George Strudwick, Esq. The names also appear of Berney Brograve, Esq., at £47, and Matthew Norton for lord's lands at £14. William Mason, Esq., was reduced to £50. 10s. 0d. The other £7 put to Forby Trendle.

At Easter, 1790, Mr. James Bentham, being then the vicar, chose Forby Trendle, and the parishioners James Judd, as churchwardens.

In 1791 the same persons were chosen churchwardens, who charged 18s. for a new Register Book; £1. 6s. 8d., a bill for repairing church leads and windows, and for destroying 28 dozen sparrows at 2d. per doz.

At Easter, 1792, Benjamin Norton was chosen by Mr. Bentham, and James Judd re-chosen by the parishioners. They paid for making a new Terrier and parchment, 4s. June 27th, "gave to Hale Psalm singers in the church 2s." Nov., paid for a "notice to be put on the church door about the Game Act and letter;" "for 3 new formes for the children to set on at church." For destroying 24 dozen sparrows at 2d., and 10 jackdaws.

In the list of ratepayers in 1792 Mr. Peter Alexander is charged for late Frances Bringloe, Henry Fenn for the Rev. Mr. Clarks. The payments in 1792-3 include a Prayer-book to be read in the church. Again in 1794 for a form of Prayer twice; and May 1st, "pd. apparitor for citation and Books for the Jeneral and Confirmation at Swaffham." July 14th, journey to attend the confirmation at Swaffham. In 1794 John Sutliff was paid 7s. 6d. "for entering a Tarier in a Book, to be kept on Town Account," and 16s. for two "wrote on parchment." In 1795, 1s. 6d. was paid to apparitor for Proclamation and Prayer-books to be read in the Church; 1s. 3d. for a man a day's work cutting Ivey, &c., on y<sup>e</sup> church walls; 1s. for 2 doz. jackdaws killing; 6s. for 26 dozen young sparrows; and 1s. 4d. for 4 dozen old ditto.

The disbursements for 1795-6 include 2s. 6d. for a new *Pess* for the desk; 11s. 9d. for repairing desk and other church work; payments to Mr. Barker, 5s. for repairing church Bible, and 4s. 6d. for binding and repairing an old Register Book; 1s. 6d. to apparitor for "forms of Pray Bookes" on two occasions. "Gave to the singers in the church at Christmas 10s. 6d." In 1796-7 "Pray Books" were paid for on three occasions.

For the church-rate in 1797 Charles Syder was assessed for Sir Berney Brograve's, Thos. Ridgemont for "the Laves," &c. In that year more "Pray books" to be read in church were paid for three times; 16s. 6d. to a man for killing 33 dozen sparrows, at 6d. dozen; and 6s. at different times to boys destroying the young sparrows, 24 dozen at 3d. per dozen.

Up to this time the same churchwardens had been appointed every year. At Easter, 1798, James Judd was chosen churchwarden by the vicar, and Forby Trendle by the parishioners.

Amongst the payments that year is twice, November and February, 1s.; 2s. for proclamation and books; and 1s. "Licens form to be put on church door."

In 1799, in the assessment to the rate the name of James Judd, jun., appears at £24 for Woodhouse lands. In 1800, February 27th, the payment of 1s. again occurs "for Proclamation and pray books."

In the disbursements in 1801, 2s. are charged for "form of Prayer Book," on May 9th, and 1s. on October 14th, with another 1s. for "Proclamation."

In the assessment for the rate in April, 1801, James Judd, jun., is rated upon £18 valuation in the place of James Smyth, who was then dead. In 1802 this is charged to "Beavor, Esq.," and in 1805 "Thomas Smyth, Esq., late Thomas Beavor, Esq.," was assessed at £42. 10s. 0d., besides £10 for plantations; and in 1807 the name of J. M. Poore, Esq., appears as tenant of the Hall and land assessed at £29, Thomas Smyth retaining plantations at £6. In 1805 James Judd was assessed for "the Lordship" at £185, Forby Trendle (including common land) at £78. 10s., and more for William Mason, Esq., £21. 10s.; Charles Syder at £112, and Edward Garner at £104. The valuations having been all revised in 1802, Charles Syder, who was the tenant of John Brograve, Esq., was chosen churchwarden by the vicar in 1805; Forby Trendle being re-chosen by the parish. In 1806, James Winkfield, whose assessment stood at £178, was nominated by the vicar, and Forby Trendle, at £92, was again parish warden. In the latter year the name of John Farrer (Farrer) appears as a non-resident at £155. 4s. 0d. valuation; also Edward Rust, at £45 for the wood, and £33. 6s. for the grazing grounds; and Mr. Mason's assessment was raised to £155. 4s.

In 1801, the Easter Sunday (8s. 6d.) and Whit Sunday (13s. 6d.) communion money was paid into the hands of the churchwardens, who account for a few shillings of it in relief of sick poor. In 1802 some half-dozen of the smaller ratepayers were relieved from a small part of the rate. There was a charge for a form of prayer for the first day of June, 1801, and again in 1802 for "form of breefs" on that day, and the clerk's wages raised from 10s. to 18s. a year. In 1805 is a charge on November 22nd for "carriage of prayers on the thanksgiving day," and some items for repairs of the north "Isle" of the church. In 1807 is a charge of 7s. for "cleaning the pulpit and painting it twice inside and out." In 1811 payments occur twice "to the Psalm singers," on May 17th and August 18th. In that year Thomas Smyth appears in residence assessed at £32 and £6. Edmund Garner was then chosen churchwarden by Mr. Bentham, and Colby Windett by the ratepayers, he being assessed at £178. 10s., in the place of Winkfield, and was succeeded in the office in 1812 by Robert Murrell. In 1813 £2. 15s. 4d. were paid for "new hangings and trimmings for the pulpit;" and on March 13th a prayer for the Prince Regent was bought.

Payments for sparrows are charged every year.

In 1814 the churchwardens paid for an iron chest £3. 10s. 0d.; on October 14th "for thanksgiven prayer;" January, for a form of prayer, and "give to the psalm singers 5s."

In this year Mr. Windett entered a memorandum: An account of the subscription to an expenditure of £42. 2s. 6d. for "a dinner of Roast Beeff and Plumb Pudding, given to the poor inhabitants of West Bradenham, three hundred in number, July 9th, 1814, in commemoration of a general peace throughout Europe," the lord of the manor, Thomas Bolton, Esq., Edward Smyth, Esq., the vicar, and principal inhabitants, and many other visitors partaking most plentifully of the game!

On the same page Mr. Windett gives what he calls the "Everage price of corn this year: wheat, 35s. per coomb; barley, 18s."

He also wrote the prices in other years, viz. :—

1812. Wheat, 55s.; barley, 31s.

1813. Wheat, 38s.; barley, 21s.

1815. Wheat, 25s.; barley, 12s.

1816. Wheat began at p coomb, 25s.; barley, 10s. At Midsummer it was, wheat, 42s.; barley, 15s. Again, January 25th, 1815, for thanksgiving prayers.

In 1815 the name of Thomas Bolton, Esq. (who was brother-in-law of the famous hero, Nelson of the Nile), appears as tenant of the Hall and land assessed at £53. In which year two prayers for thanksgiving appear in the account.

In 1816 Edward Smyth, son of the owner, being in residence at the Hall, was chosen by the vicar to be churchwarden, and Robert Chandler by the parishioners, of whom the principal ratepayers were assessed at the following valuation:—£25, the Rev. James Bentham; £235. 10s., Edward Smyth, Esq.; £175, Colby Windett; £142. 5s., Robert Chandler; £112, Thomas Leeder; £80, . . . Girling, Esq.; £40, Edmund Farrer.

Edward Smyth dying in 1817, Mr. Bentham again chose Robert Chandler as churchwarden, and Colby Windett was re-chosen by the parish.

In 1818 William Henry Haggard, Esq., having become the purchaser of the manor, with the mansion and estate,<sup>1</sup> came into residence, and in 1821 filled the office of churchwarden, to which he was nominated by the vicar for that year; Chandler being the parish warden. The destruction of sparrows every year was immense; many dozens paid for to boys in this and following years.

In 1820, June 27th, is a charge for "expenses at Dereham conformation for refreshment for twenty-eight young people, 10s.;" and "for waggon and two horses to carry the young people to Dereham and back again, 10s.; my own expenses, 5s.;" and in the following year a bill for "repairing the Lead of the Church, and for lettering the Lord's Prayer, Belief, and 10 Commandments," £21. 2s. 0d.; also a bill for Clark's seat and Churching Seat, £1. 6s. 6d.; and for Psalm Board and screws, 18s. 8d.

A memorandum is subsequently entered that "in 1781 a new Desk, Pulpit, and Sound Board were made and erected in the church by John Whalls, joiner, the workmanship and painting of which, amounting to £8. 4s. 6d., were paid by a church-rate," and that "the deals and battens for the work were given by James Smyth, Esq." In the same year the seats in the chancel were taken up and a balustrade made and erected for the communions, the expense of which, £2. 16s., was paid equally by the Rev. Mr. Charles Topping, the vicar, and James Smyth, Esq., as a gift to the parish; and by the order of Mr. Smyth a communion table was made and given to the parish.

In 1783 the spire with the fane was made and erected on the steeple by direction of James Smyth, the charges for which, £5. 1s. 3d., were paid by him as a gift to the parish.

In 1787 the bridge on the east or little common was framed, made, and erected by Edmund Garner, carpenter, the charges and expense for which, £7. 10s. 6d., were paid and the timber given by Jas. Smyth.

In 1827 a new roof was put upon the town house, the timber for which was the gift of Wm. Henry Haggard, Esq.

The rents of the charity estates were received and distributed by the churchwardens. Those due on 10th October, 1784, amounting to £8. 11s. 0d., together with the "communion money (or offertories) received at Christmas, 1784, Easter, 1785, Whitsunday and Christmas, 1785 (in all £1. 1s.) were distributed at Christmas in 4d. and 3d. loaves of household bread to "industrious poor persons not receiving collection."

The rents payable in October, 1787, £11. 7s. with 19s. 6d., the communion money, in like manner.

The rent payable by the Rev. Mr. Topping for a piece of pasture next the churchyard appears always to have been a year behindhand; he also held another piece called "the *Strewing Land*," 11s.

The other parcels consisted of two pieces of pasture land near the Wood Lane, then in Mr. Farrer's occupation at £2. 10s.; a piece of pasture adjoining to the lord's, late Adams', in the occupation of Mr. Judd, at £1. 7s.<sup>2</sup> Dwelling-house and gardens on the south side of the common, in the occupations of Allcock and Aylmer, each £2. 5s. 0d. Dwelling-house and gardens on north side of common in occupation of John Daws, £1. 5s. 0d. Total £11. 16s. 0d.

Mr. Bentham succeeded Mr. Topping in the occupation of the pasture next the churchyard at the same rents; but in 1798, 11s. as the rent for the "*Strewing Land*" is erased with the pen and entered as "Mr. Bentham's donation to the Poor," and he wrote in the margin of the account, "See the op<sup>n</sup> upon the Return to Parliament on the Act about Charity Estates, which Mr. Smyth obliged the Churchwardens to return contrary to their own opinions."

The future entries of rents received are, of Mr. Jas. Bentham a year's rent for a close of pasture land next the church gate, £1. 11s.; and in his handwriting over the erasure interlined, "of him a donation to the Poor," and in one instance referring to "Lease of the Rectory."

<sup>1</sup> The original quantity of this estate, in a ring fence round the house, including the great wood, was 441 acres.

<sup>2</sup> This piece on and after 1790 described as "next" or "on the east side of the *Bathing House*."

In the statement for 1799-1800, however, £2. 2s. 0d. were entered as received of Mr. John Balls for land called "the Camping Close," instead of Mr. Bentham's rent and donation, and afterwards £2. 2s. 0d. as rent received of Mr. Bentham for land.

In 1802 is a memorandum in Mr. Bentham's handwriting, noticing the Inclosure Act and the allotment of the Town Land as containing 7a. 0r. 25p., which in 1803 was let by auction to Thomas Beevor, Esq., for fourteen years, at £9 a year, and that rent was by consent of the trustees paid to the overseers, on their agreeing to expend the same in coals for the poor.

In 1824 this allotment, being found to contain only 6a. 2r. 1p., had been let to Clement Coe for fourteen years from Michaelmas, 1816, at £10. 16s. 0d. a year. The rent was reduced in consequence to £9. 15s. 0d.

The later events to which the foregoing extracts relate are in the memory of persons living; but, with the associations connected with them, are fast becoming things of the past, and every generation, indeed every year, adds to their obliteration; but such odd scraps of information tend in future years to throw light upon the social state of the country at the time.

### ADDENDUM.

The following note in reference to the instance of two widows being fined by the court leet of 10th October, 1643, for receiving strangers into their houses as lodgers, was intended to have been inserted at the foot of page 18 ante, but was forgotten:—

This is a survival of a very early state of society, when the community, being responsible for the acts of an intruder, guarded themselves with especial jealousy from the intrusion of any stranger into their midst; and it is still to be found in the form of admitting a tenant at the court baron and customary court of any manor. But it more particularly arose from the responsibility for any offence committed within the precinct, that made the inhabitants so severe against the admission of a stranger to reside, or even to lodge in it, or being received into the house of any resident.

### ECCLESIASTICAL.

WEST BRADENHAM, dd. S. Andreæ. Gel. 204.

*Domesd.* Robertus de Caly est Patronus illius. Rector habet mansum cum xl acris terre. Estimatio ejusdam x marc'. Procuratio estimatio cum Synodalibus ijs. vjd. Denarij S. Petri vd. ob.

Lib. I. 112, pr. kal. Nov., 1324. Elyas de Grymesby ad præs. dnæ R' raõne ten' Thomæ de Caley.

Lib. III. 39, 8 Jan., 1340. Joës de Brynkhele (p man. Morston Cant') ad præs. Dni Ada de Clifton, mil.

Lib. IV. 140, 23 Jan., 1362. Rog. fil. Willi de Wilby ad præs. Robti de Rokeland, &c.

Thirlby released to y<sup>e</sup> King a pension of xiijs. ivd. out of the Rect. of Est Bradenham late parcel of Bokenham Priory.—1550, Lib. cart. I. 210.

Reg. VI. 345, 27 Apr., 1380.	Henricus Eps. Norw. appropriavit totam Eccliam Priori et conventu S. Jacobi de Bokenham. Reservatis Epis Norwicen annua pensione 10 sol. Ordinaret Vicaria De. x marc ad nouum advoc Vicariæ et Eccl. Cath. Norw. annua pensione iij. s. iyd.
Reg. VII. 7.	Ubi de appropriata Domi de Bokenham vet. A.D. 1177, sine Vic.
Lib. VI. 201, 17 Sept., 1395.	Rodelandus de la Rode de Est Barsham (in vic' novitur locatum) ad nom Epi et præ. P. et Conv.
Reg. VI. 332, 17 Jun., 1406.	Tho. Hubard Vic ad præ. Pr. et Conv. de Buckenham.
Reg. IX. 84, 3 Jan., 1436.	Rob. Mounshaw ad nom Epi et præ. Pr. et conv' de Buckenham.
Reg. XI. 34, 4 Jan., 1454.	Thos. Baldwyn ad nom' et præ. eorund'.
Reg. XII. 44, 22 Oct., 1475.	Robtus Gamelyn ,, ,, ,,
,, 197, 12 May, 1497.	Will. Millicent ,, ,, ,,
Reg. XIV. 220, 7 Apr., 1528.	John Ward ,, ,, ,,
	Cantaria Willi Curtis val. 8 <sup>lb</sup> 1 <sup>s</sup> 1 <sup>d</sup> ob.
Reg. XVIII. 60, 21 Jan., 1554.	Will. Thorpe ad præ. dnæ R.
Reg. XIX. 149, xi Feb., 1568.	Will. Hattersley ad præ. dnæ R.
,, 177, 2 May, 1572.	Will. Howling Vic. ad præ. Dnæ R 1593 in Eccl.
Reg. XX. 278, 21 Aug., 1599.	Ives Bretton Vic. ad præ. dnæ R.
Reg. XXI. 7, 2 Dec., 1603.	Will. Cowper ad præ. dni R.
Reg. Harsnett, 18 Jan., 1625.	Ben. Esty ad præ. Epi Eliensis plene jure.
Reg. Reynolds, xi Feb., 1662.	Luc. Skippon, S.T.D., ad præ. Epi Eliensis plene jure.
Reg. Sparrow, 3 Oct., 1676.	Nic. Booth ,, ,, ,, ,,
,, 30 July, 1682.	Franc. Nicholson ,, ,, ,, ,,
Reg. Lloyd, 13 Oct., 1685.	Sam. Needham ,, ,, ,, ,,
Lumen B. Mariæ. Popy, 419.	Gilde S. Andread. Gel. 204.
,, S. Andread. Ibm.	,, B. Mariæ. Ibm.
,, Omnium fid' defunct. Gel. 204.	Tanner's Index in Reg. Epi.

The patronage of the vicarage came to the see of Ely by exchange for temporals belonging to that see, probably under the same Act of Parliament, Ao. 1 Elizabeth, by which the manor and rectory of East Dereham became vested in the Crown.

Blomefield adds the following vicars:—

1718. Thomas Topping, Vicar of Whittlesey St. Andrew in the Isle of Ely.  
30 Sept. 1724. The Rev. Mr. Henry Topping, on the resignation of Mr. Thomas Topping his father, by the Bishop of Ely.

Since Blomefield:—

1765, Jan. 5. Charles Topping, by the Bishop of Ely.  
1788, July, 18. James Bentham, by the Bishop of Ely.  
1831, Feb. 25. Robt. Jarrold King, by the Bishop of Ely.  
1852, July 9. Wm. Stone, by the Bishop of Norwich.  
1860, Dec. 7. Lewis Morgan, by the Bishop of Norwich.  
1876, Sept. 25. George Stanham.  
1882. On the death of Mr. Stanham, the Rev. Henry Hetherington has lately been collated to the Vicarage by the Bishop of Norwich.

The yearly value of the vicarage is estimated at £300; the extent of glebe, 55a. 3r. 17p. At the time of the rearrangement of the bishops' sees the advowson of the vicarage was transferred from the see of Ely to that of Norwich, but the great tithes passed to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners with the rectorial glebe, about eight acres. The area of the parish is 1682 acres, rated at £2881. The population in 1871 was 326.

The chantry of William Curtis has been mentioned above, and we learn in Blomefield that it was endowed with sixty acres of land and a sheep's course in Swaffham, which were granted temp. Edward VI. to Sir Thomas Woodhouse of Waxham.

In the *Valor Ecclesiasticus*, Henry VIII., under "Monasterium sive Priorat' canonicar' de Bokenham," amongst their spiritual possessions we find "Rectoria de West Bradenham valet ad firmam per annum £iiij." In respect of which were payable in Sinodals 6*d.*, Procurations 6*s.* 7½*d.* Epo Norwicen' ex<sup>a</sup> rectoria de Westbraddenham per ann. xiijs. iiij*d.* Dno manerii de West Braddenham pro terris in Skerning p annum xij*d.*

Vicaria de West Bradenham Edo. Ward clico Vicario iñm

valet in Decimis et oblacionib; p annum . . . . .	iiij xij j ob. }	£.	iiij	ix
Firm terr' gleb' p annum . . . . .	lj vij ob. }	vij	iiij	
De quibus in Sinod epo Norwicen p annum . . . . .			ij	
Et valet ultra clare . . . . .		vij	xxj	
Xma inde . . . . .			xiiij	iiij

From the *Valor Ecclesiasticus* it appears that the Rectory of West Bradenham had been let to farm by the Priory of Bokenham for £4 a year, and that three canons in that monastery received £15 a year to pray for the souls of Constantine Clifton and John Clifton, Knights, for which the priory was bound.

The HOLME HALE AND WEST BRADENHAM Inclosure Act, authorising the dividing, allotting, and inclosing all the whole year inclosures, as well as the open fields, commons, &c., in those parishes, was passed in the 41st year of George III. The award of the Commissioners appointed for that purpose is dated 21st July, 1804.

By the latter an allotment was made to Christopher Savile, Esq., lord of "the Manor of Holme Hale White Oak Leet with the Members," to Thomas Young the rector, and to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor, and their successors, trustees for the Town Estate, of twenty-two acres of land; the rent to be applied in purchase of fuel.

In HOLME HALE an allotment was made to Mr. Savile as lord of the manor above named for right of soil.

To William Mason, Esq., about one hundred and seventy-three acres of old land and about twelve acres of common.

In WEST BRADENHAM an allotment was made to Thomas Smyth, Esq., as lord of the "Manor of West Bradenham with the Members," for right of soil, of 8a. 1r. 19p. in West

Bradenham, and other allotments there in lieu of rights of common. Ann Claxton Smyth, his wife, had in her own right one hundred and sixteen acres of land, she being heiress of the Rusts.

The Commissioners also set out to the lord of the manor of West Bradenham, the vicar, churchwardens, and overseers, two allotments containing respectively 11a. 2r. 16p. and 2a. 2r. 36p., upon trust to demise the same and apply the rents and profits in purchasing fuel to be distributed amongst the poor inhabitants legally settled in the parish, as directed by the Inclosure Act.

In the Report of the Commissioners for inquiring concerning Charities,<sup>1</sup> one of these allotments is mentioned to be in the occupation of Robert Chandler for a term of fourteen years, from Michaelmas, 1825,<sup>2</sup> at the yearly rent of £11. 10s.; and the other was divided in 1832 into nine plots, and let to nine persons selected as the most industrious, to be tilled in spade husbandry, at rents amounting to £3. 19s. per annum.

The names of other landowners to whom allotments were made were—

James, Lord Bishop of Ely, holding about 8 acres.	Sir John Lombe, only one acre.
The Vicar (the Rev. James Bentham), about 50 acres of glebe.	Benjamin Norton.
Frances Alexander.	Bathalina Norton.
Francis Blomefield (18½ acres.)	Jonathan Parson.
John Brown.	William Pearson.
John Barton.	James Pinchen.
Thomas Truesdale Clarke, Esq. (18a. 1r. 23p., all copyhold.)	Charles Roberts.
Virtue Elwin (9a. 2r. 33p.)	Lucy Rix.
Edmund Farrer (60 acres, all old land.)	William Reeder.
Robert Smyth Fayerman.	George Lucas Strudwick (about 103 acres.)
Ann Griggs (32 acres.)	Henry Stanford.
Edmund Garner.	William Stratton.
Thomas Holman (a little under 24 acres, all old land.)	William Trundle, devisee of James.
Thomas Hooke.	Forby Trendle.
John Ireson.	John Wright.
Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Lacey.	Joseph Windham, or Wyndham, Esq.
	Richard Watson.
	William Whalls.
	Robert Watts.

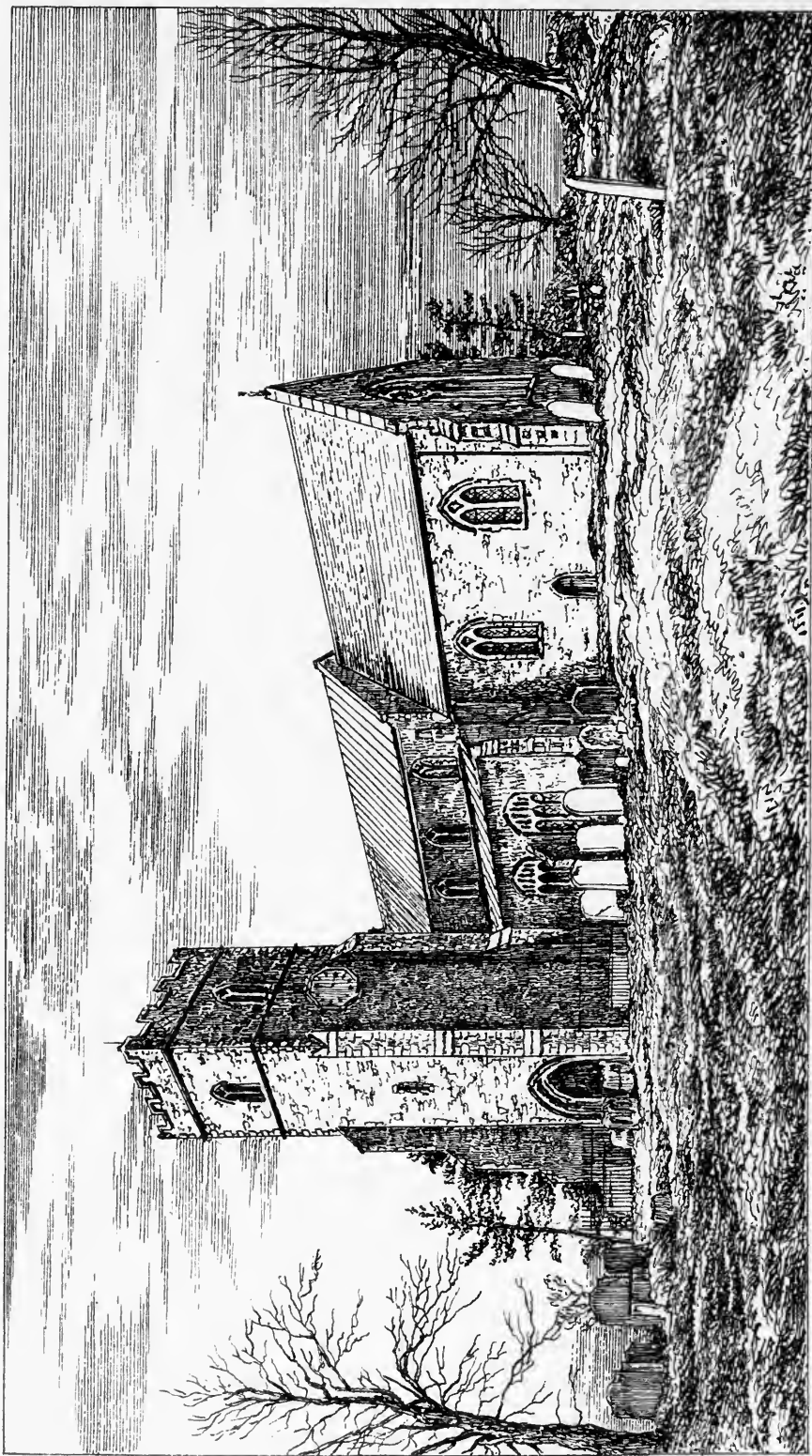
Many of these were only cottage owners. Some of them have been since absorbed in the Hall Estate, and vested either in Mr. Haggard or the trustees of his marriage settlement.

<sup>1</sup> Report 29.

<sup>2</sup> By a memorandum entered in the Churchwardens' Book, 1826, it is stated that this was divided into three lots and a driftway, the tenant to be allowed the expense of ditching and fencing.







COWELL'S ANTIQUE PRESS.  
NEWBURY.

WEST BRADENHAM CHURCH.

In 1734 there were eighteen resident freeholders in West Bradenham who had votes for the county, but not all for freeholds in that parish, six voting in respect of property in East Bradenham (one of whom was Edmund Nelson, Clerk, rector there; another, William Munshaw); two for Hale, three others for Hilgay, West Lexham, and Shipdham respectively. Of these sixteen polled for Bacon and Wodehouse, and two only for Coke and Morden.

At the general election in 1768 fourteen persons voted in respect of freeholds in West Bradenham, four being residents. One lived at East Bradenham, three at Swaffham. Thomas Holman, sen., was living at Pakenham, Suffolk; Thomas Holman, jun., at Swaffham; Henry Iveson, M.D., at Norwich; others elsewhere. The numbers polled were eleven for De Grey, eight each for Wodehouse and Astley, and one only for Coke.

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### THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW IN WEST BRADENHAM

consists of nave and north and south aisles, about 44 feet in length by 36 feet in breadth, chancel, &c. At the west end of the south aisle stands the bell tower, square, which forms the porch to the church, all of flint rubble with stone dressings, the arch of the entrance door having good Decorated mouldings. The north aisle has four Perpendicular two-lighted windows, two in the side and one at each end. The south aisle has two similar ones in the side and one at the east end. The clerestory on each side is lighted by four Perpendicular square-headed windows, over as many arches, supported by clustered pillars and responds with Decorated capitals. The chancel, which has been restored within the last few years by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, is spacious, about 29 feet by 18 feet, with a handsome geometrical window of five lights inserted in the east end, and there are two plain Early English ones in each side. In the north side is an arched aumbrie with a stone shelf, in the centre of which is a place for a light. On the south side are three sedilia and a piscina, under a continuous Early English arcade, the arch mouldings being terminated in the centre by the figure of an angel, and on each side by a male and female crowned human head, with cylindrical shafts and well-moulded capitals and bases. In the same wall is a large square aperture sloping outwards to a much smaller one in the churchyard, now blocked up, which was one of the so-called lepers' windows. The great west window of the nave consists of three lancet-headed lights under one head of the same style, without tracery. Towards the east end of the south aisle, under a small square aperture, is a piscina, and here was formerly a chapel, the floor of which was raised higher than that of the church, but recently lowered to the same level, when the old altar-stone was found buried, and there were marks in the wall and pillars shewing that it had been inclosed by a screen. On the south side of the chancel arch remains an arched doorway, with stone steps which led to the rood loft.

## MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS.

## On Marble Slabs inside Altar Rails.

Here resteth the Body of  
Elizabeth Townshend  
The widow & Beloved wife of  
Thomas Townshend  
of Shipdham  
who departed this life on y<sup>e</sup> 24  
of February  
Anno salut. 1731  
ætat. 46  
Uxo. B. M. B. P. M. M.

Sophia Catherine  
Townshend  
died  
January the 7<sup>th</sup> 1771.

Thomas Townshend  
died the 16<sup>th</sup> of May  
1776.

## In the Chancel Floor.

In Memory of  
William Clemence Gent.  
who departed this life  
the 6<sup>th</sup> of May 1740  
aged 48 years.

## In the Chancel Floor also.

Here lyeth the Body of  
John Clemence Gent.  
who died Sept. y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1748 aged 43  
son of Tho<sup>s</sup>. Clemence & Mary his wife  
who with y<sup>r</sup> elder son Tho<sup>s</sup>.  
lye buried under one stone  
in y<sup>e</sup> Body of y<sup>e</sup> Church  
He livd  
much desired  
and died as much regretted  
being a person of great Ingenuity  
Exemplary Piety  
faithfull  
in all manner of good works  
Fleximus heu! talem non potuisse mori  
H. M. M.

Beneath  
this marble  
are deposited the mortal Remains  
of the Rev. Henry Topping  
and Margaret his wife  
who was for many years  
the only surviving issue of  
Geo. Underwood of Whittlesea  
in the County of Cambridge Esq.  
She } died ——— aged { —  
He } Oct. 1773 aged { 81  
years.

## Over this is a Shield of Arms:—

Azure, a chevron between three cocks' heads  
erased: impaling, Gules, on a fess ermine a lion  
passant between a cross fitché, and three annulets  
in chief and three annulets in base.

*Crest:* An arm embowed holding in the hand a  
cock's head erased.

Here rest the Bodies of the  
Rev. Mr. Samuel Needham  
Minister of this Parish  
about 33 years  
And of M<sup>rs</sup>. Alice Needham his  
wife who lived respected and  
died lamented  
by all that knew them  
He } died { 23 Sep. 1718 æt. 68  
She } 16 August 1719 æt. 72.  
Only two of their children  
survived them Pet. Needham  
D.D. Rector of Stanwick in  
Northamptonshire who paid  
this last instance of Duty &  
Gratitude to his Excellent Parents  
and Elizabeth Needham  
married to the Rev<sup>d</sup>. & worthy  
Mr. Thomas Townshend  
Rector of Shipdham  
in this County.

Neare this stone lie the  
Remains of  
Thomas Topping  
Esq<sup>r</sup>. of Penryn in Cornwall  
who died 30 Febr. 1782  
Aged 71  
And also those of the Rev<sup>d</sup>.  
Charles Topping  
M.A. and Vicar of this Parish  
who died 23<sup>d</sup> June 1788  
Aged 48  
and under this stone  
Lies the Body of  
Ann Topping widow  
of Charles Topping  
who died 3<sup>d</sup> Sept. 1801  
Aged 79.

## In the Chancel Floor also.

In Memory of  
Edward Smyth  
who died March  
the 20<sup>th</sup> 1817  
in the 24 year  
of his age.

Also James only son of  
Edward & Eliz<sup>th</sup> Smyth  
died at East Dereham  
on the 20<sup>th</sup> of Oct. 1818  
aged 2 years.

Isabel  
youngest  
Daughter of  
Edw<sup>d</sup>. & Eliz.  
Smyth  
died at West  
Bradtenham  
on the 11<sup>th</sup> of  
Dec. 1816  
aged 14  
months.

## Mural Tablet on South Wall.

In Memory of  
James Bentham M.A.  
Vicar of this Parish upwards of  
42 years who died January the 18, 1831  
In the 76<sup>th</sup> year of his age  
He was only son of the late  
James Bentham M.A. F.A.S.  
Historian and Prebendary of the Church of Ely  
descended by an uninterrupted  
line of Clergymen  
from Thomas Bentham D.D.  
Bishop of Litchfield and Coventry in the  
early part of the Reign of Queen  
Elizabeth, and the last of his  
branch of the family.

## Beneath, on a Shield.

*Arms* : Quarterly argent and gules, a cross fleury  
counterchanged, in the first and fourth quarters  
a rose of the second, in the second and third a sun  
in splendour, *Bentham*.

## In Nave Floor.

Sacred to the Memory of  
John Lacey Gent.  
who departed this Life  
April 29<sup>th</sup> 1784  
aged 70 years.

Here lieth the Body  
of Mr. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Clemence who in Hopes  
of a Joyful Resurrection  
departed this life the 29<sup>th</sup> day  
of October 1727  
Aged 66 years.

On the Wall of North Aisle (removed from  
Chancel.)

To the Memory of  
Mary Dorothy Otley  
who died at Jamaica  
on the 29<sup>th</sup> of August 1803  
aged 37 years  
and was buried in St. Andrew's Churchyard.  
She was the only Daughter of the Rev<sup>d</sup>.  
Charles Topping late Vicar of this Parish  
the Beloved wife of Major Otley  
of the 2<sup>d</sup> West India Reg<sup>t</sup>.  
Her Husband invariably found a modest  
Tender and affectionate wife and in  
Gratitude to so amiable a woman  
Caused this Monument to be  
Erected.

## Tablet on Wall of South Aisle.

Near this place  
are deposited  
the Remains of  
James Smyth Esq.  
late of this Parish  
who died May the 15<sup>th</sup> 1800  
In the 85<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

## On the lower ledge are the Arms:—

Azure, a chevron engrailed between three lioncels  
passant guardant or.

*Crest* : A panther's head argent, spotted sable, on  
a collar of the last three bezants and chain or.

The west window of the nave is filled with stained glass, being medallions of events in the life of St. Andrew (the patron), and beneath, the following inscription running through the three lights :—

This Window is erected in memory of William Henry Haggard of West Bradenham, Esquire, and formerly of Lincoln's Inn, Barrister-at-law, who died the 15th day of February, A.D. 1837, aged 79 years, and of Frances his wife, daughter of John<sup>1</sup> Amyand, Clark, who died 21st July, 1820, aged 60 years. Also of their youngest son, John Haggard, Doctor of Laws, Chancellor of Lincoln, Winchester, and Manchester, who died 31st October, A.D. 1856, aged 62 years. It is presented to the Parish Church of St. Andrew, West Bradenham, as a Record of the respect and affection of their surviving descendants.

✠ Fama in consilio Dei.

Under the left-hand light :—

Henry Vachell Haggard, Commander R. N., second son of the above-named John Haggard, died at Sea 1st March, 1858, aged 35 years.

Above and below each medallion is a shield of Arms :—

1. *Haggard* alone, Azure, a mullet of six points argent.
2. Same, impaling Argent, a man and tree proper, *Meybohm*.
3. Same, impaling Argent, on a chevron or between two doves in chief and an anchor erect in base, three roses gules barbed and seeded proper, *Doveton*.
4. Same, impaling Vert, a chevron between three garbs or, *Amyand*.
5. Same, impaling Per chevron embattled or and argent, three martlets counterchanged, a mullet for difference, *Hodgson*.
6. Same, impaling Argent, a fess between three crescents sable, *Lee*.
7. Same, impaling Sable, a cross engrailed between four crescents argent, *Barnham*.

The staircase of the tower is contained in a flat projecting turret on the west side. The tower has no ornament, but the battlement is in chequers of flint-work and stone. There are two bells: one had in Old English letters, "*Virginis Egregie Vocor Campana Marie*," but has lost the first and last words; also the mark of the founder—Brasyer. The second has "*John Draper made me 1625*."<sup>2</sup>

There is towards the west end a stone with the indents of a cross of brass, over which was the head of a priest, being to the memory of Thomas Cayley, Rector here temp. Edward I. It is described by Gough, who states the inscription, in incised Old English characters, to have been—

Continet Hac fossa, Thomæ, nunc Corpus et ossa,  
Ecclesiæ Rector Hujus Extitit atque Protector  
Gratia Queso Dei Propicietur Ei.

<sup>1</sup> *Sic*, an error for *Thomas*.

<sup>2</sup> *Church Bells of Norfolk*, (p. 105,) where it is stated that "there were three bells here 6th Edward VI., and also when Blomefield wrote. The lost one appears to have been the treble."

The west window of the north aisle is in stained glass, representing, in one light, the Distribution of the Loaves and Fishes; in the other, the Good Samaritan.

In memory of William Haggard, Esq., who died March 30, 1843, aged 59, and of Elizabeth his wife, who died November 1, 1847, aged 64. Given by their only daughter Frances, the wife of W. C. Fowle, Clerk.

The subjects in the corresponding window of the south aisle are, the Prodigal Son, and Christ blessing little Children.

In memory of Bazett Doveton, Esq., who died August 29, 1848, aged 59, & of Esther Maria his wife, who died January 21st, 1855, aged 53. Given by their daughter Caroline, the wife of James Haggard, Esq.

Standing at the east end of the south aisle is a Jacobean chest, presented to the Parish by the Rev. James Bentham, 7th February, 1818, brought from Ely Cathedral. There is an inscription in raised letters along the front which I have been unable to decipher.

Since the preceding notes were taken the east window has been filled with stained glass by Wailes :—

Dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of Caroline, daughter of William Henry Haggard, born March 20th, 1792, died April 17th, 1804; of Lucinda her sister, widow of Robert Mapletoft, born Jan. 2nd, 1789, died August 26th 1881; and of William Cecil Fowle, M.A., Vicar of Brinsop, Herefordshire, who married Frances, only daughter of William Haggard, born March 9th, 1813, died Christmas day, 1881.

In the churchyard, south, the altar tomb of—

Montague Poore, Esq. . . . . 1808.

Another to—

Edmund Farrer of Sporle, Gent., died June 15, 1839, aged 59, and Frances his wife, March 9, 1835.

Head stones :—

Frances, wife of Henry Fenn, 1808.

Susanna Rudd, 1708.

There were in the churchyard, on the head-stone to James Pinchen, a blacksmith, the following lines, which have been erased within the last few years :—

My sledge and hammer lay declined,  
My bellows too have lost the wind,  
My fire extinct, my forge decayed;  
Now in the dust my vice is layed,  
My iron is short, my coals are gone,  
My nails are drove, My work is done.

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"He grew better, and talked with a noble enthusiasm of keeping up the representation of respectable families."—Boswell's *Life of Johnson*, 1843.

### THE HAGGARDS.

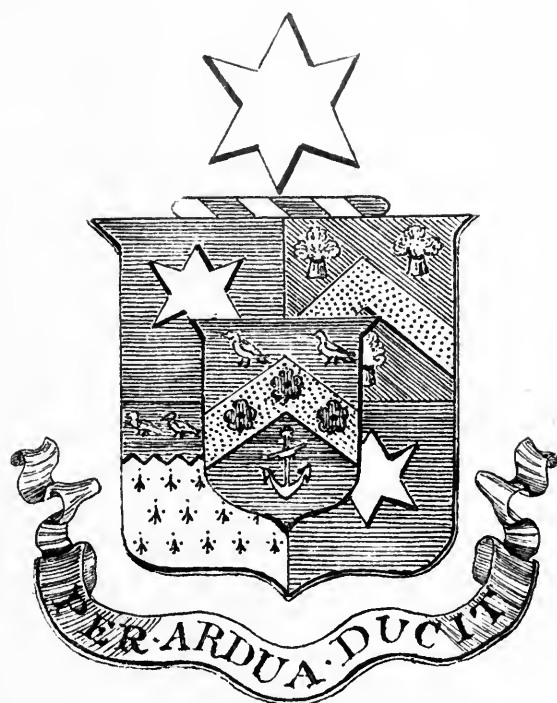
My reader is aware that the purchaser from Mr. Thomas Smyth of the manor of West Bradenham with the Hall Estate was *William Henry Haggard, Esq.*, Barrister-at-law, and that the present owner is his descendant,—*William Meybohm Rider Haggard, Esq.*,—at whose instance and by whose assistance this History is undertaken. I consider it, therefore, my duty to this family, possessors for four generations, to give some account of their descent, particularly as they may have had a sort of hereditary connection with the place. It will be remembered that the daughter of Sir John de Clifton, a former lord of this parish, married one *Sir Andrew Ogard*, Knight, but left no issue, and that Sir Andrew married again and had children by his second marriage, who are supposed to have failed in the male line at the latter end of the seventeenth century. It is, however, from a junior or collateral branch of this family that the Haggards claim their descent, and accordingly have inherited and borne their arms—the white star, *stella Mariæ*, or mullet of six points, upon an azure field. There is a strong probability in favour of this assumption, although I have been unable to pick up the dropped link, but I will endeavour to shew where it is wanting, in the hope that it may be supplied hereafter by a future investigator.

Many of the following passages are verbatim extracts from a MS. in the hands of a member of the family, compiled by a friend,—the late Mr. Nicholas Carlisle, Secretary of the Society of Antiquaries,—and from which it appears that there were at an early period several families scattered about England and Scotland, in different counties, bearing the various names of Haggard, Agard, Ogard, Hoggard, Hagard, and the like, and particularly in Hertfordshire; but all of them probably having their original derivation from Denmark. There is a tradition that one of the Hertfordshire group, who had settled at *Royston*, on the confines of Cambridge and Hertford, had attached himself to the Protector Cromwell, and shared in the vicissitudes of that disastrous period; and this is somewhat supported by the fact that the family is in the possession of a portrait of a gentleman in the costume adopted by the Roundheads of that day, and from him the branch, now represented by the Norfolk family, has been presumed to be descended; a probability further presumed by their bearing the same coat of arms. In the Alphabet, in the College of Arms, the name of Ogard is several times described as bearing an etoil or mullet, varying from six to sixteen points; and on the rim of an ancient pewter dish in the possession of Mr. Haggard are engraved the arms and crest as borne by the Ogards of the Rye, and now by the Haggards of Norfolk. SIR ANDREW OGARD of the Rye was without doubt of Danish extraction.<sup>1</sup> He is known to have attained his distinguished renown in the wars

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<sup>1</sup> The name still exists in Denmark: only the other day that of a Lieutenant Hageart was announced as having the direction of a Polar expedition.







of France, having had a high military command under the Duke of Bedford; the Regent of France, and the Earl of Suffolk, and by his prowess to have become Baron of Denvale of Beaufoe Castle, Lord of the Castle of Favillers in Anjou, of the Castle of Mervyle of Iffe, and had to the value of £1000 per annum in lands, &c., together with 7000 marks of English money in a chest of French gold at the house of Robert Whittingham.—*Itin. William of Worcester*. He appears to have enjoyed the entire confidence of the Duke of Bedford, by whom he was probably knighted in Normandy, and in the Duke's will, dated at Rouen the 14th of September, 1435, he is styled his chamberlain, and appointed one of his executors.—*Nicolas' Testamenta Vetusta*, p. 242. On his coming to England we ascertain the true descent of Sir Andrew Ogard, alias Ogart, Knt., who, describing himself a native of Denmark, was naturalized by Parliament in the 11th Henry VI., 1433, in the following words:—

"Item, quondam supplicatio exhibita fuit eidem Domino Regi in Parlamento predicto pro Andrea Ogard, Militi, cum una cedula eidem supplicationi annexa in hec verba. Please au Roy nre souveraigne Seigneur p advys et assent de nre tres sage connseill, grauntier a nre humble Chivaler Andrewe Ogard neez deinz le Roialme de vre tres noble Cousin le Roy de Denmark, voz gracious Letters solonc l'effect et purport d'une cedula a yeest Bill annexee, saunz fyne ou fee ent prendra a vre œps Et il prierà Dieux pour vous. Tenor vero cedula predictæ sequitur in hec verba. Rex, omnibus ad quos presentes, &c. Quibus quidam Petitione et cedula in Parlamento lectio plenius et intellectus, de avisamento Dominorum Spiritualium et Temporalium ac communitatis Regni Anglie, in eodem Parlamento existen', respondebatur eisdem in forma subsequenti: 'Fiat prout petitur, absque fine vel feodo ad opus Regis inde capiend.'"—*Rolls of Parliament*, vol. iv. p. 439; *Calend. Rot. Pat.* p. 277.

"In the Commission appointing certain persons to treat for peace with France, dated the 9th of September, 1442, Sir Andrew Ogard is named one of the commissioners. On the 14th of March, 23rd Henry VI., 1445, he preferred the following petition to the king:—

"To the Kyng oure souverain lord. Beseceth mekely youre humble liege Andrew Ogard, knight, that where as by succession yere is fallen unto him in ye raume of *Denmark* where he is born, and in oyer places of ye King of Denmark's obeisance, certain lifloode and landss and oyer goods meubles, please hit your highnesse to shewe unto youre saide liege y<sup>t</sup> he may have knowlache, yf it bee good plesure of your excellence y<sup>t</sup> he joyssse ye said inherytance and oyer goods, and yruppon send into the said reaume of Denmark and oyer places his procureurs for him, w<sup>t</sup> suffisiant pour to obtaine possession and joyssance of the said enheritance and oyer goods, and to doo the services and duetez required yerupon, after y<sup>e</sup> lawes of y<sup>e</sup> cuntrees, which ying how be hit y<sup>e</sup> saide Kinge of Denmark is of your alliance, yit ye said beseecher wol not in noo wise attempte nor doo withouten your gracious licence in yat partie. Wherefore your saide liege beseceth lowly your noble grace y<sup>t</sup> hit plese youre highnesse to commande youre letters under youre prive seal directed to your Chancellor of Englande commanding to seal and doo make out your letters under your great seal of licence to y<sup>e</sup> sayde besecher for y<sup>e</sup> matier above rehersed, and he shall pray to God for your moost excellent estat and welfare.

"(*In dorso.*) In palatio suo Westm<sup>r</sup> xiiij die Marcii, anno, &c., xxij Rex concessit hanc supplicationem ut petitur mandavitque custodi privati sigilli sui fieri mandare litteras sub eodem sigillo, &c., presentibus Dominis Cancell. Jhes' Episcopo Bathon T. Hent."—*Proceedings and Evidences of the Privy Council*, vol. i., p. 381.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Although not bearing upon the particular object of this history, I consider the foregoing documents of sufficient historical and general interest to be printed here.

"It is evident from the *Inquisitiones post mortem* that Sir Andrew Ogard possessed numerous manors in the several counties of Hertford, Essex, Cambridge, Norfolk, Warwick, York, Derby, Surrey, Sussex, Worcester, and Lincoln, which appear to have been acquired principally by marriage.

"The manor of *The Rye*, in the parish of Stansted Abbots, on the north bank of the river Lea, appears to have engaged his attention at an early period. The manor-house was built in the time of King Henry the Sixth by Sir Andrew, to whom that king gave licence to impark the site of the manor of The Rye, otherwise called The Isle of Rye, in Stansted Abbot, to erect a castle there with lime and stone, make battlements and loopholes there, &c.,<sup>1</sup> have free warren there and in the vills. of Stansted, Amneth, Hoddesdon, *Ware*, and Wideford, in the county of Hertford."—*Calend. Rot. Chart.* p. 201.

In the 33rd year of the same king (Henry VI.) it was found by inquisition taken on Monday next after the Feast of All Saints, that Andrew Ogard, Knt., had at his death the manor of Rye and the manor of Thele, &c., with the advowson, &c., jointly with Alice his wife, of the feoffees of Clifton, John Fastolf, Robert Whitingham, Knts., and William Keys, to hold to the said Andrew and Alice and the heirs of their bodies; that Andrew Ogard died on 13th October last, and that Henry his son and heir was of the age of four years.<sup>2</sup> In the 26th year of King Henry VIII., upon the suppression of the Hospital or Priory of Elsyng Spittle in London, it was found that priory paid to *Master Hoggard* 10*d.* rent for lands in St. Margaret's, Theile.

Margaret Clifton, the first wife of Sir Andrew, having died issueless, as before stated, the Clifton inheritance reverted to her aunt Margaret Kneyet; yet, in 1450, Sir Andrew Ogard held, jointly with Richard Earl of Salisbury and others, Buckenham Castle (which he had purchased of his father-in-law), and the manors of Old and New Buckenham, Lethes, Tibenham, two parts of Grishagh (in Wymondham), Hackbeach Hall in Emneth,<sup>3</sup> Melding Hall in Burston, Bittering Parva, and also Le Rye and Haleigh manors in the county of Hertford. In the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, under the year 1454, is the will of Sir Andrew Ogard, Knt.,<sup>4</sup> in which he desires to be buried on the north side of the high altar

<sup>1</sup> Over an embattled brick gatehouse (of which Clutterbuck gives a plate) is a shield of arms, having the mullet as now borne, but the crest appears to be different, and too much broken away to be distinguished; there also appear to have been supporters.

<sup>2</sup> *Cal. Inquis. post mortem*, vol. iv., p. 263.

<sup>3</sup> Sir Andrew bought the lordship of Emneth of Gilbert Holtoft for £100.

<sup>4</sup> Amongst the Constables of the Castle of Wisbech the name of Sir Andrew Ogard occurs, 1446 to 1476.—Watson's *History of Wisbech*, p. 130. Dues to the Guild of the Holy Trinity at its dissolution by Edward VI., afterwards to the Bishop of Ely.

	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Richard Hunstone . . . . .	7	0
John Reppes . . . . .	1	1
Simon Trone . . . . .	0	1½
John Fynne . . . . .	0	2
..... Haggard . . . . .	5	1— <i>Ibid.</i> , p. 170.

In the parish of Methwold is a dyke or drain leading into the "String Dyke," called *Haggard's* Dyke, and perhaps the jurisdiction of Sir Andrew Ogard, as Constable of Wisbech, extended over the fens, and this cutting was made during his tenure of office, or it might have been a possession of the Emneth family.





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in Wymondham Church, to which he bequeaths "a piece of the true Cross and a piece of the Thorns of the Crown," with other more substantial benefits; makes his wife Alice his executrix, to whom he gives the castle and manor of Bokenham, and other lands in Norfolk and elsewhere, in trust, and after her decease to his son *Henry*, and in case of his death without issue male, to his daughter *Anne*, sister to the said *Henry*.

In an inquisition post mortem taken in the 38th and 39th *Henry VI.*, 1460, it was found that "*Alesia que fuit uxor Hugonis Cokesey militis, prius nupta Andr' Ogard*" died seised of . . . . . "*Bokenham castr', Bokenham Vetus maner', Bokenham Nova maner', Tybenham maner, Bokenham Lathys maner', Gryshaght 2 partes maner in villa de Wymondham in Norfolk, and other manors, &c., in Warwick, Ebor., Derby, Surr', Sussex, Wigorn, and Lincoln.*"—*Calend. Inq. post mort.*, vol. iv., p. 287.

Sir Andrew had by Alice his second wife issue—

*Henry*, of whom hereafter.

*Anne*, married to Robert Crane,<sup>1</sup> of Chilton in Suffolk, Esq. He does not name any other child, but he has been supposed to have had a second son, Andrew, whom I will leave for the present.

*Sir Henry Ogard*, Knight, made his will on 20th April, 1509, being "hole of thought," &c. He gave "to the high aulter in y<sup>e</sup> churche of Seynt Edward in Emnethe for tithes forgotten, &c., 3s. 4d." "It. I will that Elyano<sup>r</sup> my said wif have my mann' called Hagbeche in Emneth w<sup>t</sup> the p<sup>t</sup>ynn<sup>c</sup>s the t<sup>m</sup>e of her lif, according to the feoffament whiche was made to hir the day of owre mareage. And after her dicease I will the said man' remayn to Andrew my son and to the heyres of his body lawfully begoten according to my fader's will. To Andrew my son the man' called the Rye w<sup>t</sup> thapp<sup>r</sup>tenne<sup>s</sup>, the manor of thell Newgate and heyle w<sup>t</sup> thavowson of the church of Thell and div'se other londs and tents w<sup>t</sup> their appo<sup>r</sup>tenneces in the countie of hartford and Essex to hym and to the heyres of his body lawfully begoten." Said wife and son residuary legatees and executrix and executor: "my suster Dame Anne Arundell<sup>2</sup> supervisor. Witnesses, Jamys Huberd vicar of Emneth forsaid, William Midilton, William Hall, Thomas Watsone, and John Sparling."—Proved 15th May 1511 by both (*P. C. C.*, 38, Bennett.)

<sup>1</sup> In the chancel window of Long Melford Church are the portraits in painted glass, of the time of *Henry VII.* and *VIII.*, of Robert Crane and Ann his wife "Orate pro . . . . . uxoris Roberti Crane filie And. Ogard." They are in their surcoats of arms. Copies of these figures I have been enabled to introduce here.

<sup>2</sup> In Collins' *Peerage* it is said that Sir Humphrey Arundell, Knt., (second son of Humphrey Arundell by Joanna, sister and heir of Sir John Cokeshall, Knt.) married Elizabeth, daughter of Andrew Hogard, Esq., and died s. p. This is certainly erroneous. Ann was probably the wife of an Arundel before her marriage to Robert Crane.

Since writing the preceding note I am able to afford a solution to the question therein contained, as well as to answer that in the text. From an inquisition taken in the county of Warwick on 30th October, 1520, after the death of Dame Anne Crane, late wife of Sir Ralph Arundell, Knt., widow, it appears that she, being seised of (with other property) one third part of the manor of Solyhull, enfeofed the same to Sir Henry Ogard, Knt., Andrew Ogard, Esq., and others, to the uses of her will, by which she declared that the said Andrew Ogard, Esq., was to have the said manors and property immediately after her decease, to him and his heirs forever. She died 20th November, 1519, and the aforesaid Andrew Ogard, Esq., was her kinsman and next heir, being son of Sir Andrew Ogard, Knt., brother and heir of the said Dame Anne, and was then aged thirty-three and more.

It may be inferred from this will that the testator was resident at Hagbech in Emneth.

"*Rentalis Henrici Ogardi militis Bannoratis*," is the commencement of an Emneth terrier, dated 8th July, 1485, temp. Henry VII., in the possession of F. M. Metcalfe, Esq., of Emneth.

Inquisitions were taken post mortem Andrew Ogard, Esq., Ao. 18th Henry VIII., for Warwickshire on 16th October, for Hertfordshire on 12th November, same year. In the former his will is set forth as to the manor of Solyhull, naming sons Henry and William, and George Ogard his eldest son and heir. In the latter is recited a deed made between William Paston, Esq. (afterwards Knight,) son and heir of Sir John Paston, Knight, and the said Andrew Ogard, on his marriage with Philippa, sister of said William Paston. That the marriage was celebrated, and that Philippa survived her husband; George Ogard, the son and heir, being eleven years old and upwards at his father's death. The said Andrew Ogard died 8th March, Ao. 17th Henry VIII.—Esc. 18th Henry VIII., m. 83 and 104.

Now, was *Andrew Ogard*, the subject of these inquests, the son of Sir Henry above mentioned, or a younger son of that name of Sir Andrew? That he was the grandson of Sir Andrew is clearly proved by the evidence above given, and by a fuller abstract of his will which I have now obtained. It is—

I Andrewe Ogard of Emneth in the Countie of Norff., gentleman. To be buried in the Church of saint Edmond King and martir in Emneth aforesaid in o<sup>r</sup> lady chauncell on the Southside of the said Church. I will that Philip my wife haue my maner called the Rye within the Countie of Hartford and all my londes, &c., w<sup>in</sup> the Counties of Hartford and Essex for life to her also all my manours londes, &c., w<sup>in</sup> the Counties of Norff. and Cambridge vnto suche tyme as George Ogard my eldest sonne or his heires attain 22 if she lyve so longe sool and vnmariéd. I will that Henry Ogard my secunde sonne shal haue when 22 the moytie and halfende of all my maners londes, &c., in Owlton and Sullyheed w<sup>in</sup> the Countie of Warwick or ell<sup>ſ</sup>where w<sup>in</sup> the said Countie of Warwick to him and to the heires of his body remainder to my sonne William Ogard my thirde sonne and to the heires of his body, &c. I will that my said son Willm Ogard when 22 shal haue the other moytie and halfende of all my said Manors lond<sup>ſ</sup>, &c., in Owlton and Sullyheed or ell<sup>ſ</sup>where w<sup>in</sup> the Countie of Warwick to him and to his heires, &c., rem<sup>t</sup> to the said Henry Ogard and to the heir<sup>ſ</sup> of his body, &c. To Anne Ogard, Brigitt Ogard, and Alice Ogard my doughters (who were all under 22) £40 apiece. If said children all die without issue all said Manors and Lands to be sold. And w<sup>t</sup> pcell of the money therof co<sup>m</sup>yng I will a sewte of Copys shalbe bought and deliuered vnto the Churche of Emneth. And the Residue of the money to be disposed according to the last will of sir Andrewe Ogard my graunsir. Philip my wife, sir William Paston, Knight, Lawrence Danyell, gentleman, and William Myddelton, Ext<sup>x</sup> and Ex<sup>ors</sup>.—Proved 27th October, 1526, by Philippa the relict, &c. Power reserved, &c. 11, Porch.

William, son of Andrew, was father of another Andrew, who, by Elizabeth Hunstone his wife, to whom he was married at Walsoken on 5th September, 1581, had several children baptised at Walsoken. Their names were John, who died in infancy, Thomas, and Henry, of whom Thomas appears to have continued his residence there, and to have married and had issue. The last entry of the name in the registers is in 1708, the burial of Margaret Ogard, who I take to have been the widow of Thomas.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> At Wimbotsham in Norfolk, near Downham Market, was baptised in 1597, Elizabeth, daughter of Joan Haggard.



Having exhausted all the information I can obtain as to the family of Sir Andrew Ogard, I will resume the account of the family which, after selecting the name of *Haggard*, settled in Hertfordshire as before mentioned.

Thomas Haggard, who was son of John Haggard of Ware, married Miss Elizabeth Aungier, by whom he had issue—

“John Haggard,<sup>1</sup> who resided at Stratford Bow, in the county of Middlesex. He married first Miss Elizabeth Stratton, and secondly Mrs. Bridget Fellow, widow, daughter of — Edge. He left two sons, viz. :—

“John, who succeeded him, and

“Mark, who is the ancestor of the family now of Lee Grove, in Kent.

“John, the eldest son, married first a Miss Mary Warner, through whom the family is connected with the family of Round; and secondly Miss Elizabeth Lee, by whom they are allied to the celebrated scholar, the Rev. James Prince Lee, M.A., now the Master of King Edward’s Grammar School at Birmingham,<sup>2</sup> and of whom [here Mr. Carlisle adds a high encomium.] Mr. Haggard left two sons :—

“John.

“William Henry.

“John Haggard, the eldest, chose the profession of the Church, and was educated at Clare Hall in the University of Cambridge. He was presented to the Rectory of Bennington, in the county of Hertford, shortly after his taking Holy Orders, that benefice having been purchased for him by his father. He married the sister of his father’s second wife, Miss Mary Lee, but died without issue on the 21st of March, 1803. He discharged the duties of an excellent country clergyman of the old school for more than fifty-eight years. He was a sportsman, but did not on that account neglect his religious duties or the extensive charities which an ample fortune enabled him to gratify to a large extent. [Against the north wall of the church of Bennington are monumental inscriptions to John Haggard his father, Elizabeth his mother, as well as to the Rector himself and his wife, which are copied in Clutterbuck’s *Hertfordshire*.]

“He was succeeded by his brother, William Henry Haggard, Esq., who married Miss Susan Rebecca Barnham, daughter of James Barnham, Esq., of Norwich. This gentleman lived, and died at an advanced age, at Norwich, within a week of his brother John’s death, and was buried in the church of St. John the Baptist in Maddermarket in that city, where the family have a vault. His wife died at Norwich on the 14th of January, 1804, in her sixty-eighth year. ‘Possessed of a strong and cultivated understanding, her relations and intimate friends were accustomed to apply to her for advice upon all emergencies, and to rely upon her judgment with the firmest confidence. She had great virtues, which, as she was entirely free from vanity, unfortunately for society, her retired mode of life unavoidably led, perhaps too much, to the concealment of them. She was modest without affectation, cheerful without

<sup>1</sup> In 1740 John Haggard was appointed Deputy Lieutenant of the Tower Hamlets.

<sup>2</sup> Afterwards (1848) first Bishop of Manchester.

levity, reserved without pride, careful without anxiety, frugal without parsimony, beneficent without ostentation, devout without superstition, and had long been prepared by a simple and unaffected piety for that awful change which, however delayed, is nevertheless universally certain.'—*Gentleman's Magazine*, vol. lxxiv., p. 94. He left an only child—

“William Henry Haggard, Esq., of Bradenham Hall. Of this gentleman the most virtuous and strongest affections of gratitude and affection are evinced by his amiable descendant, the present proprietor of that estate,<sup>1</sup> who states him to have been an elegant scholar, well read in the history of the constitution of his own country and in every branch of polite literature, his manners being those of the most refined gentleman adorned by a handsome person, of a generous and warm-hearted disposition, which showed itself in his deportment to his family, his tenants, and in every instance in which he was associated with those around him. He was educated at Westminster, and afterwards at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He pursued the study of the law at Lincoln's Inn, and had the honour to be called to the Bar; and it is regretted by his family that he did not follow the law as a profession, which for a few years he pursued as the completion of a course of education of an English gentleman; for no man, from his talents, his most extraordinary memory, and his great acumen, was more likely than himself to have attained high eminence in his profession. Born, however, to the expectation of an ample fortune, he soon retired into the country, and mingled in the happiness and mutual courtesies of his numerous friends. On the 16th of July, 1781, he married Frances, only daughter of the Rev. Thomas Amyand, younger brother of Sir George Amyand, whose son having married the heiress of Cornwall, took that name. This lady eventually, on the death of her brother Thomas Amyand, Esq., of Twickenham, became the heiress of the junior branch of the Amyands, and indeed of the family name, the senior branch having taken that of Cornwall. Her mother was co-heiress and daughter of Thomas Rider, Esq., of Twickenham and of the Island of Madeira. Mr. Rider had two children, the eldest of whom married the Rev. Mr. Hemming, and succeeded to the Twickenham property; but dying without issue it devolved to the younger daughter, Mrs. Amyand, and at her death to Thomas Amyand, Esq., at the death of whose widow in 1842, William Haggard, Esq., then of Bradenham Hall, succeeded to it, and it is now, in 1843, by the will of that much lamented gentleman, the property of his youngest son, James Haggard, Esq. The family consequently quarter the arms of Rider and of Amyand.

“He resided successively at Knebworth Place in Hertfordshire, in Park Street, Westminster, and finally at Bradenham Hall. His wife, Frances, died on the 21st July, 1820, aged sixty. He died at Bath in 1837, at the age of seventy-nine, having had the following issue—

“Frances, married on the 18th of December, 1806, to John Adolphus Young, Solicitor, in Great Ormond Street, and of Hare Hatch in the county of Berks.

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<sup>1</sup> In the interior of a rustic summer-house in the grounds of Bradenham Hall is the following inscription: “In memoriam avi, necnon amici, Hoc Tectum restoravit Gulielmus M. R. Haggard, A.D. 1856”; and on a stone, “W. H. H., 1816.”

“William Haggard, born the 28th of September, 1783, who succeeded to the estate of Bradenham Hall.

“George, died in infancy.

“Maria, died in infancy.

“Lucinda, born the 2nd of January, 1789, and married on the 31st of October, 1808, at Knebworth, to Robert Mapletoft, Esq., of Spring Hall, near Long Melford, in Suffolk.

“Thomas, born 7th of July, 1790, and married on the 7th of February, 1820, to Maria, daughter of the late William Tickell, Esq., of Queen Square, Bath.

“Caroline, born the 20th of March, 1792, is unmarried in 1843.

“John, born the 3rd of January, 1794, and who became a member of Trinity Hall, Cambridge, where he took the degree of LL.B. in 1813, and afterwards that of LL.D., and choosing the law, in which the greater powers of the understanding are applied to the greater number of facts, became an Advocate in Doctors’ Commons. On the 20th of July, 1820, he married Amelia, daughter of the late Mark Hodgson of Bromley, by whom he has issue seven sons and four daughters. In the month of January, 1837, he was preferred to be the Chancellor of Lincoln. The number of his publications shew the zeal and ability with which he has cultivated his profession: and it is gratifying to observe that fame and fortune have steadily followed in the path of these honourable exertions.

“Barbara, who died on the 2nd of June, 1811, at the age of fifteen.

“Charlotte, who died of a decline on the 29th of November, 1813, ‘in the bloom of youth and beauty,’ at the age of seventeen, was buried in the church of St. Michael at St. Alban’s, with her sister Barbara.

“George, the youngest son, who died in the seventeenth year of his age, at St. Petersburg, on the 15th of June, 1817.

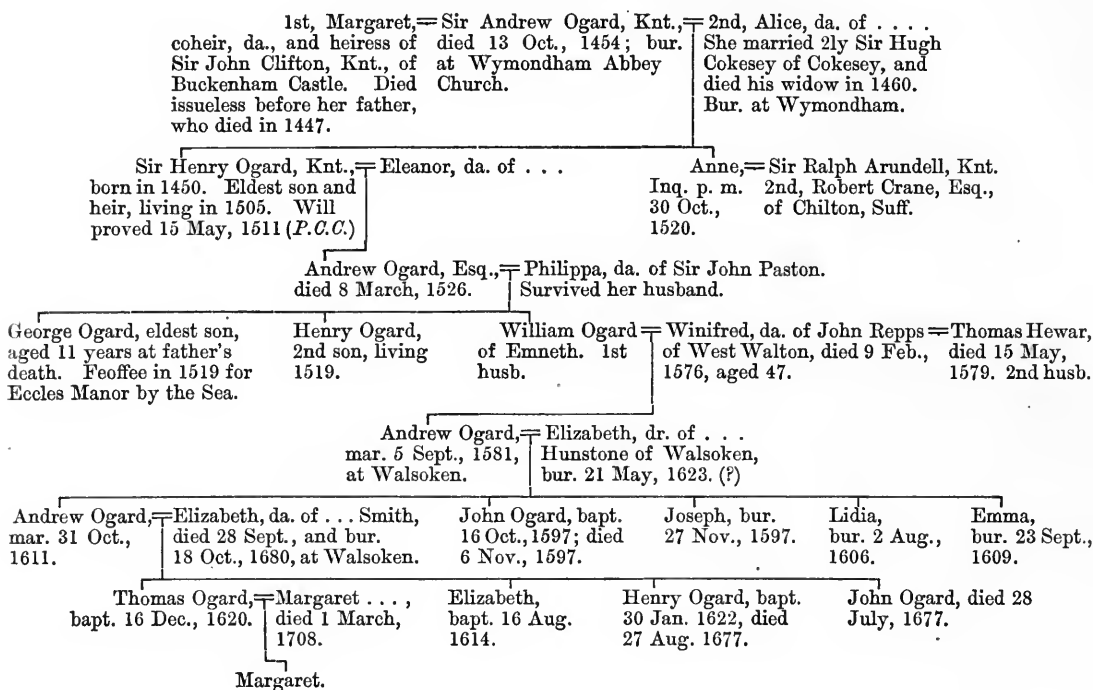
“William Haggard, Esq., the eldest son, who succeeded to the estate at Bradenham Hall, was educated at Harrow and Eton, and at an early age went upon the Continent, with a view to the acquisition of modern languages, in order to be received into partnership with his uncle Amyand and his cousin Mr. Cornwall, as a merchant; but while young, and shortly after the death of his uncle, he dissolved partnership with Mr. Cornwall, and did not follow any other profession. On the 20th of May (o. s.), 1815, he married Elizabeth, eldest daughter and coheirress of James Meybohm, Esq., of St. Petersburg. The family of Meybohm were originally of the Imperial City of Bremen, and had been settled at St. Petersburg since its foundation. Soon after his marriage he returned to England, and resided with his father at Bradenham Hall. He died at Brighton on the 29th of March, 1843, in the sixtieth year of his age, and was interred in the new cemetery there. He left issue—

“William Meybohm Rider Haggard, Esq., the present excellent and most honourable proprietor of the Bradenham Estate, who took the degree of LL.B. at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, in 1837, and on the 27th of January, 1842, he was called to the Bar by the Honourable Society of Lincoln’s Inn.

"Frances, born 5th May, 1821, and married on 7th of September, 1842, to the Rev. William Cecil Fowle, M.A., of Wadham College, Oxford."

Thus ends, so far as this branch of the family is concerned, Mr. Carlisle's narrative, which I have faithfully transcribed, with the omission of some few passages; and I now proceed to reproduce it in a tabular form, introducing such additional information as I have recently obtained.

#### PEDIGREE FROM SIR ANDREW OGARD.



It is evident from the foregoing that there is some probability that one or more of the Emneth or Walsoken family migrated to the neighbourhood of their ancestral seat at the Rye House,—it was but a few miles,—and settled at Ware: perhaps the John whose name appears at the head of that pedigree.

After the marriage of Andrew Ogard (the son of William) with Elizabeth Hunstone of Walsoken, he seems to have resided there, and the following are extracted from the registers of that parish.

## MARRIAGES.

1581. Andrew Ogard, gent., and Elizabeth Hunstone, 5 Sept.  
 1591. Robert Dix and Frances Ogard, 3 Feb.  
 1606. Thomas Smith, sen<sup>r</sup>., gent., and Frances Hunstone, wid., 30 March.  
 1611. Andrew Ogard, gent., and Elizabeth Smith, 31 Oct.

## BAPTISMS.

1597. John, son of Andrew Ogard, gent., 16 Oct.  
 1614. Elizabeth, d. of Andrew Ogard, gent., 16 Aug.  
 1620. Thomas, son of Andrew, 12 Dec.  
 1622. Henry, s. of           ,,       30 Jan.  
 1681. Margaret, d. of Thomas Ogard, gent., 29 Nov.

## BURIALS.

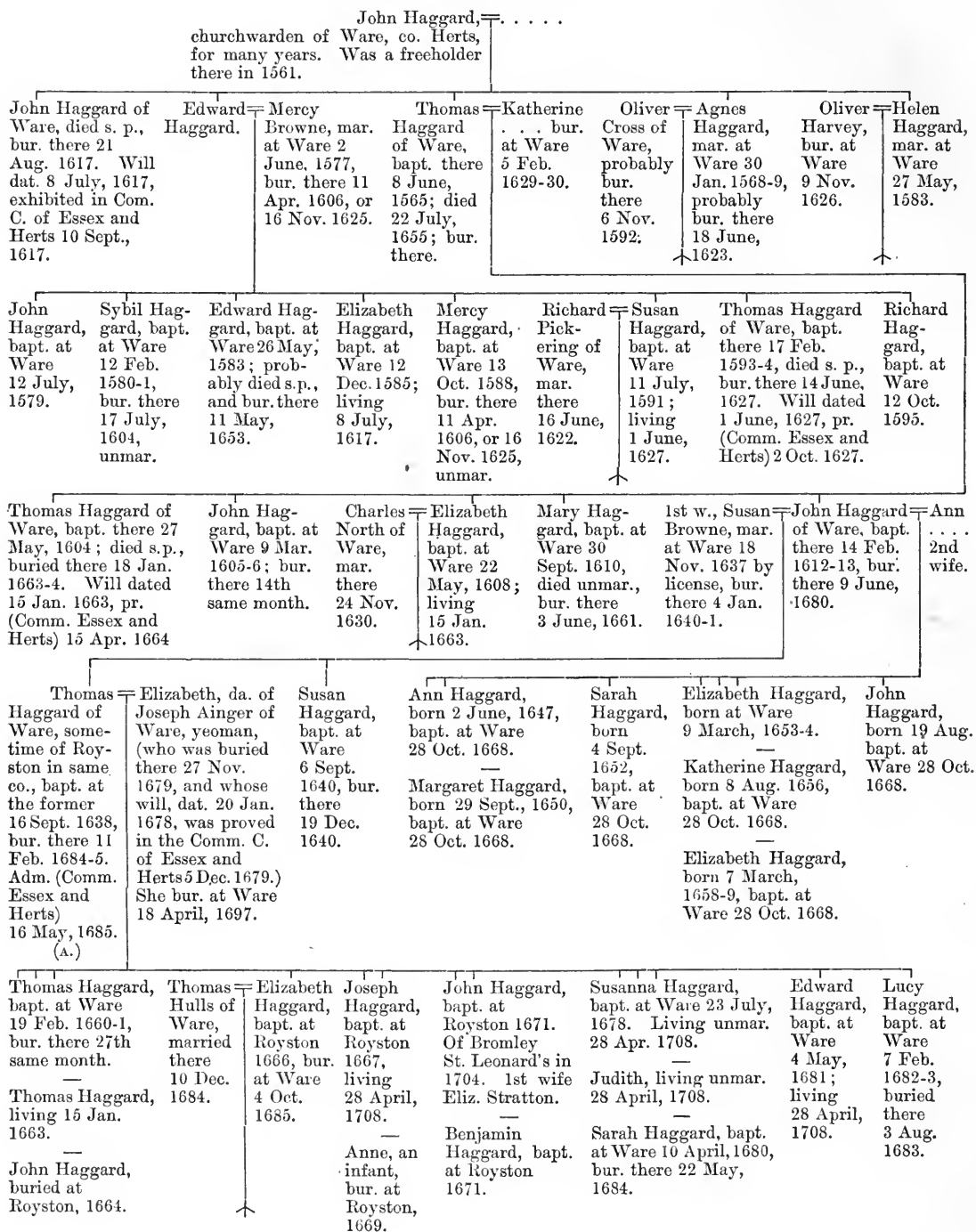
1597. John, s. of Andrew Ogard, gent, 6 Nov.  
 1606. Lydia, d. of   ,,       ,,       2 Aug.  
 1609. Emma, da. of   ,,       ,,       23 Sept.  
 1623. Elizabeth, ux. Andrew Ogard, gent., 21 May.  
 1676. Henry, son of Thomas Ogard, 30 July.  
 1677. Henry Ogard, gent., 27 Aug.  
 1680. Elizabeth Ogard, widow, 28 Sept.  
       Thomas, son of Thomas Ogard, gent., 18 Oct.  
 1683. John, s. of Thomas O., 7 April.  
 1684. Mary, d. of same, 22 March.  
 1696. Elizabeth, d. of Thomas and Margaret Ogard, 7 Sept.  
 1708. Margaret Ogard, 1 March.

I have not met with the name spelt *Ogard* after this date.

## EXTRACTS FROM REGISTERS OF ROYSTON.

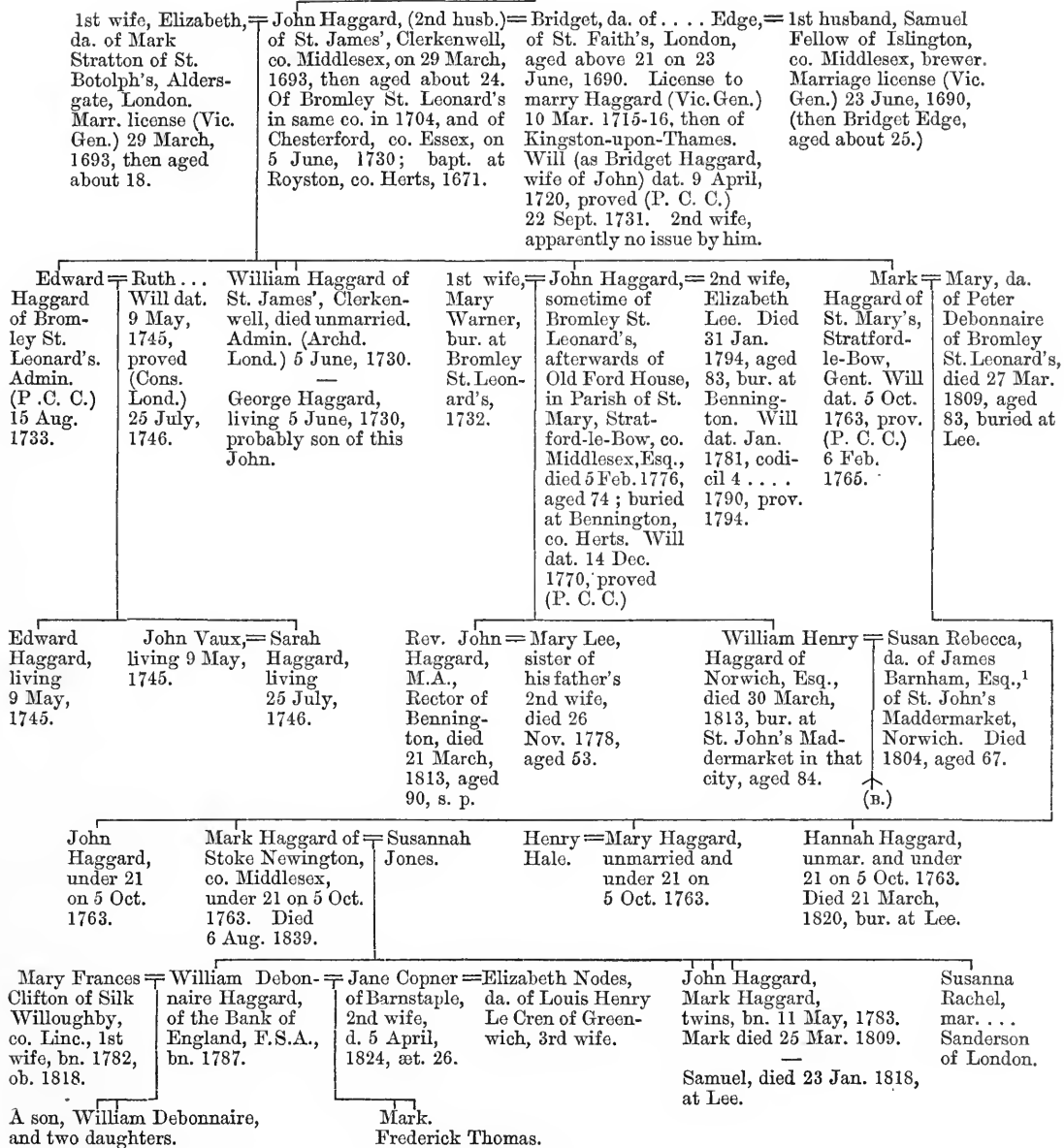
1666. Elizabeth, daur. of Thomas and Elizabeth Haggard, bapt. 25 April.  
 1667. Joseph, son of       ,,       ,,       ,,       ,,       22 June.  
 1671. John, son of       ,,       ,,       ,,       ,,       11 Aug.  
       Benjamin, son of       ,,       ,,       ,,       ,,       ,,  
 1664. John, son of Thomas Haggard, died [qy. buried?] 22 July.  
 1669. Anne, infant daur. of       ,,       ,,       13 June.

## PEDIGREE OF HAGGARD.



(A.)

Thomas Haggard, = Elizabeth Ainger,  
buried at Ware 1684-5. buried at Ware 1697.  
(See other Pedigree.)



<sup>1</sup> The Barnhams were for several centuries associated with the City of Norwich, and were probably derived from the De Bernhams, lords of the manor of Haylesdon or Hellesdon, by Norwich. James Calthrop Barnham, Esq., now a well-known and useful inhabitant of that city, is the last of his family. James Barnham, Esq., above mentioned, who served the office of Sheriff of Norwich A.D. 1758, was his great-grandfather.

(B.)

William Henry Haggard, only son, born 4 Dec. 1757, of Knebworth Place, Herts, and Park Street, Westminster, bought Bradenham; died 13 Feb. 1837, bur. at St. Saviour's, Walcot, Bath.

Frances, only da. of Rev. Thos. Amyand, Rector of Fawley and Hambleton, near Henley, co. Bucks, son of Claudius Amyand, Serj. Surgeon to Geo. II.; mar. 16 July, 1781, at Thundridge, Herts; ob. 21 July, 1821, æt. 60.

William Haggard, eld. son, bn. at Bradfield House, in Parish of Cottered, co. Herts; married at St. Petersburgh, Russia, 28 May (o.s.) 1816; J.P. and Dep.-Lieut. for Norfolk. Died at Brighton, 30 March, 1843, æt. 60.	Elizabeth Meybohm, eld. da. and coh. of James Meybohm of St. Petersburgh, died 1 Nov. 1847, at 64, at Swaffham.	Thomas Haggard, born at Bradfield House, bapt. at Cottered 1780. Married Maria Tickell, (who died at Bath 1862.) He died at Bath, s.p., before his wife.	John Haggard, LL.D., born at Bradfield, bapt. at Cottered; died 31 Oct. 1856, æt. 63. bur. at Brighton. <sup>1</sup>	Caroline Hodgson, born 1 May, 1797; mar. 20 July, 1820.	George Haggard, died 12 May, 1795, æt. 10. George Haggard, youngest son, born 2 Oct. 1800, died 15 June, 1817, at St. Petersburgh.	Frances, eld. da. bn. 30 May, 1782, bapt. at Bennington; mar. 16 Dec. 1806, to John Adolphus Young, at Knebworth; died 5 Dec. 1866, bur. at Wargrave, Berks.	Lucinda, born 2 Jan. 1789; mar. 31 Oct. 1808. Settlement died 29 Oct. 1856, Aug. 1881.	Robert Maplet, of Spring Hall, near Long Melford, died October, 1856. died 2 June, 1811, bur. at St. Michael's, St. Alban's.	Maria, Charlotte, d. 29 Nov. 1813, aged 17, bur. at St. Michael's Church, St. Alban's. Barbara, died 17 April, 1864, æt. 72; bur. at Ewyas Harold, Herefordshire.
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Frances, only da., born 6 May, 1821, mar. at St. George's, Hanover Square, Sept. 7, 1842, to Rev. William Cecil Fowle, M.A., Rector of Brinshop, Herefordshire, died there 25 Dec., 1881.	William Meybohm Rider Haggard, <sup>2</sup> born at St. Petersburgh, 19 April, 1817, mar. 30 May, 1844, at St. Mary's, Bryanstone Square.	Ella, elder da. and coh. of Bazett Doveton, Esq., born at Bombay 16 June, 1819.	James Haggard, born at Bradenham, 29 Aug. 1824.	Caroline, younger da. and coh. of Bazett Doveton, Esq., born at Bombay 2 March, 1827; mar. 4 May, 1848, at St. Mary's, Bryanstone Square.	
			1. Amyand Haggard, born at Twickenham, 22 June, 1849, Lieut. R.N.	3. Charles Haggard, born at Twickenham 26 July, 1852, mar. 1 June, 1882, Geraldine, only da. of Gen. Sir Edm. Selby Smyth, K.C.M.G.	Ellen Maria, born 3 Aug. 1851.
			2. Frank, ob. inf.	4. Claude Mason Haggard, bn. at Twickenham 5 Nov. 1853, Lieut. R.H.A.	
				5. Hugh Alfred Haggard, born at Great Yarmouth 21 March, 1855; in Holy Orders.	

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<sup>1</sup> He was Chancellor of the Dioceses of Lincoln, Winchester, and Manchester, and compiler of *Haggard's Reports*.

<sup>2</sup> William Meybohm Rider Haggard is a Magistrate and Deputy-Lieutenant for this county, and Senior Chairman of the Court of Quarter Sessions (Swaffham). He married Ella, elder daughter and coheir of Bazett Doveton, Esq., of the Bombay Civil Service. James Haggard, Esq., the younger son, married Mr. Doveton's younger daughter. The Doveton family belonged to the Island of St. Helena, and obtained great distinction in the military service in India. General Sir John Doveton, G.C.B., was the first Indian officer upon whom that honour was conferred in the Madras Presidency. He commenced his career at the siege of Seringapatam (A.D. 1792), broke up the great Mahratta conspiracy, and confirmed our Indian military supremacy by his victory over the Sultan of Berar at Nagpoore, 16th December, 1817. Dispensation with the ceremonies of installation as Knight Grand Cross of the Bath, signed "Victoria R., 27th July, 1838. Patent of Sir Wm. Woods (Garter), granting and assigning unto the said Sir John Doveton, G.C.B., the following supporters to his arms, viz., on the dexter side a Sepoy of the Madras Light Cavalry, on the sinister side a Sepoy of the Madras Light Infantry, both habited and accoutred proper and standing at ease." Recorded in the *Heralds' College* 26th September, 1838. General Gabriel Doveton of Everdon, Northamptonshire, M.P. for Northampton, was his elder brother.



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Ella Dove- ton H. born at Rome 10 March, 1845, mar. 21 July, 1869, at Bradenham, to Rev. Ch. Ed. Madison Green, of Ewyas Harold, Herefordshire.	1. Wm. Hy. Doveton H. bn. 25 June, 1846. In H.M. Diplomatic Service.	2. Bazett Mi- chael H. bn. 29 Sept. 1847, Bar- rister-at- law, mar. 16 Dec. 1872.	Julia Diana, eld. da. of Geo. Barker of Holt Lodge and Caston, Norfolk, born 9 Nov. 1853.	3. Alfred Hinuber H. bn. 17 April, 1849; mar. 15 Dec. 1873; of H.M. Civil Service, India.	Alice Caroline, eld. da. of Vernon Schalch, Member of the Council of the Governor General of India.	4. John Geo. Haggard, R.N., bn. 11 June, 1850. — Elizabeth Cecilia, bn. 1 May, 1852; mar. at Bradenham 9 Aug. 1876, to Maximilian Richard Western. ↑ Issue, 4 drs.	5. Andrew Chas. Parker H., bn. 7 Feb. 1854. Lieut. the King's Own Borderers. — 6. Henry Rider H. bn. 22 June, 1856, mar. 11 Aug. 1880, to Mariana Louisa, only da. and hr. of Major John Margetson, of Ditching- ham, Norf., has issue Arthur John Rider, bn. 23 May, 1881.	Eleonora Mary, bn. 1 June, 1858. — 7. Edward Arthur, b. 5 Nov. 1860; B.A., Pemb. College, Camb.
George Wm. Bazett H. born 1 Oct. 1873.	Barker Thos. Amyand H. bn. 6 Dec. 1874.	Mark H. bn. 30 Jan. 1876.	Richd. Colby H. bn. 16 June, 1877.	Harry Vernon Stuart H. bn. 28 Oct. 1874.	Alfred Gerald Ansdell H. bn. 24 April, 1877.	Beatrice Amy, bn. 5 Nov. 1880.		

(c.)

Henry Vachell Haggard, eld. son, bn. 1822, Commander R.N. Ob. 1 Mar. 1858, æt. 35. — John Haggard, H.E.I.C.S., bn. 1824, died in India 1849, s. p., æt. 25. — Mark Haggard, Clk., M.A., died at sea 10 April, 1854, on voyage home from Madeira, unmar., æt. 29.	Thomas Trenchard Haggard, Col. R. A., bn. 1827, d. 23 July, 1877.	Frances Ewing Bosworth.	Christopher H., Clk., bn. 1829, mar. Emily Sarah, da. of E. Brown, Esq., of East Hill, Wandsworth, 24 Mar. 1877. First wife, Mary Hester Townsend, ob. 1875, s. p.	George Haggard, Major R.A., bn. 1832, mar. 4 May, 1867, at Madras. — Mark Wyburne H. died Jan. 1868, at Madras.	Ellen Maria, 2 da. of Jas. Parker Deane, at-law, D.C.L. bn. 31 Oct. 1836.	Edward Haggard of Lincoln's Inn, Barrister- at-law, bn. 24 April, 1836.	Mary Kathe- rine, mar. Maurice Chas. Mertins Swabey, D.C.L. &c., &c.	Elizabeth, mar. Rev. Wm. Dalton Scoones, ob. 1882. — Fanny, born 1843.
John, born 10 Oct. 1862.	Henry, born 25 July, 1864.	Emily Caroline, mar. to Lionel Robert Ashburner, C.S.I., Member of Council, Bombay.	Alice Sophia, mar. to Basil Lang, Esq., Barrister-at-law.	Mary, mar. to John Pollen, Esq., B.C.S.	Amy. Minna.			

## LIST OF STEWARDS OF THE MANOR OF WEST BRADENHAM.

14 Jac. 1617. Henry Clarke.	1753. Nathl. North, Gent.
1625. Charles Suckling.	1757. Joshua Wright, Gent.
1633. Augustine Reve (to 1664 inclusive.)	1759. Edwd. Pawlett Heyhoe, Gent.
1665. Gregory Barber, Gent.	1762. Charles Marston, Gent.
1674. Tho. Percival, Gent.	1768. Thomas Smyth, Gent. (who succeeded as lord in 1800.)
1691. Will. Davy, Gent.	1800. Edward Drozier, jun.
1702. John Covell, Gent.	1819. Thomas Smyth again (having sold the manor.)
1724. Hen. Ibbott, Gent.	1823. James Goldson.
1733. Robert Crowe, Gent.	1839. Edward Maurice Browne.
1740. Richard Love, Gent.	1843. George Alfred Carthew.
1750. Jas. Smyth, Gent., (afterwards lord.)	

## ADDENDA ECCLESIASTICA.

1600, 27 Jun. Eliz. 42. Eliz. Regina dat. Martino Epo et Suc' suis totam illā Rectoriā de West Bradenham cū p̄tin' ac oīa oblacōes p̄ficia comoditates et emolumenta eidem R'ctoriæ spectan' nup in tenura Thomæ Monshawe, nup Prioratūi de Buckenham spectan' ac quæ Rectoria valet p̄ añ 4l.—From a copy of Queen Elizabeth's Grants to Bishop Heton.<sup>1</sup> (This rectory and advowson, among others, were granted in exchange for several manors in Cambridgeshire.—Willis.)

Oct. 8, Ao. 6<sup>o</sup> Jac. Martin, Lord Bp. of Ely, grants a lease of the R'y of West Bradenham in Norfolk, reserving the advowson of the Vicarage.

1676, 19 Jul. Mortuo Doctore Skippon, Dñs Petrus Eps p̄sentat Nicholaū Booth, CL, A.M., ad Vicariam de West Bradenham infra Dioc. Norwic.—Reg. D. p. 78.

1718, Oct. 11. Mortuo Samuele Needham, CL, Dñs Guls. Epus p̄sentat' Thomam Topping, CL, ad vicariam de West Bradenham in Com' Norf.—Regr. Ep. 149.

Add. MSS. in Brit. Mus. 5847, p. 114.

A national school, with teacher's house, was erected in 1853, at a cost of £1350, raised by subscription and ecclesiastical grants, on a site presented by W. M. R. Haggard, Esq., being the land called Rydots.

In the extracts from the Parish Registers (ante p. 70) is copied a memorandum that in 1795 one Watson was hung in chains on West Bradenham Common, for the murder of his wife. The portion of common on which the latter part of this sentence was executed, (he having been hanged at Thetford on the 25th May), afterwards known as the Gibbet Land, was under the Inclosure Act allotted to William Mason, Esq., and was, with other land, recently sold and conveyed to Mr. Haggard. A few weeks since, (1882) in cutting a ditch through this land, a piece of iron was exposed to view, which being dug up proved to be the cage in which the body of the criminal had been suspended, with some bones, including part of the skull, remaining therein. These remains, vestiges of a revolting custom now abolished, are in the possession of Mr. Haggard.

<sup>1</sup> Martin Heton, Dean of Winchester, was appointed to the see of Ely in 1600, and was succeeded by Lancelot Andrewes in 1609.

## East Bradenham.

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WILL now treat particularly of that part of Bradenham known as EAST BRADENHAM, although I have not many authorities, besides Blomefield, from which to derive any history. The chief territory here appears at the time of the Conqueror's Survey to have been part of the possessions of Ralf Bainard, and to have been held in the Confessor's time by a certain lady, or free woman, named Ailid, as her residence or *maner*'. It had both then and at the Conquest twelve villans, six bordars, and four serfs; at the time of the Survey fifteen villans, eight bordars, and not one serf. There were at all times two ploughs or plough-lands in the demesne, and three amongst the tenants; eight acres of meadow, and a wood, maintaining two hundred and a half of swine, of which Ralf had received two, now he took only one. There were nine beasts of burthen, eighteen pigs, seventy-five sheep, and eighty goats; reduced to twenty-six. The whole territory was half-a-league and two quarantines or furlongs in length, and three quarantines in breadth, and paid eighteenpence to the gelt. There belonged to the manor eight socmen, and they had a carucate and a half. It had been assessed in the Confessor's time at £6 and at the Survey at £12. The church had fifteen acres of land, valued at fifteenpence.

In the reign of Henry II. the possession of this fief was in Saer de Quincy, Earl of Winchester, who held under the Lord Bainard. In a certificate of knights' fees held of the Barony of Baynard, in compliance with a king's writ, 6th May, 1236, it is returned that Hawisia de Chester, "*Hawis de Cestr*," held one knight's fee in Bradēhām in com. Norff., and in . . . . . temp. Henry III. and Edward I., that Hawise de Chester held in East Bradenham one fee of the Barony of Baynard.<sup>1</sup> And several lordships in Norfolk, including (it would seem) Bradenham, were granted to Robert Baynard, styled of Merton.

On this Hawise, who was daughter of Hugh Kiveloc, Earl of Chester, this lordship was settled upon her marriage with Robert de Quincy, eldest son of the above, and their daughter Margaret de Quincy brought it in marriage to John de Lacey, who, in her right, succeeded to the Earldom of Winchester.

The proceedings relating to the possession of this lordship are somewhat complicated, and I cannot enter into them.

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<sup>1</sup> The Barony of Baynard or Banyard was forfeited temp. Henry I., but a younger branch of the family was not affected by that event.

John, Earl of Lincoln, died in 1240, and was succeeded by his son Edmund (by Alice his wife, daughter of the Marquis of Saluces in Italy), and he, by Henry his son, who married Margaret, daughter and heir of William Longespee.

In the 2nd Edward II. Juliana, widow of Walter de Stourton, held this manor for life of Henry, Earl of Lincoln, who obtained license to give it, with the advowson, to Thomas, Abbat of Bury, to whom Juliana released. This was held at three parts of a knight's fee, the other fourth part being held by Roger de Huntingfeld, who had purchased it from the earl.

The Earl Henry died in 1310: his daughter and heir married Thomas, Earl of Lancaster and Leicester, under whom this manor, reunited with Huntingfelds, was held by the Abbat of Bury until the Dissolution. Of the Huntingfelds I can only repeat what I have given in my *Materials for the History of the Hundred of Launditch*, when treating of the part of this manor lying in Scarning. Roger de Huntingfeld, the purchaser of the manor of East Bradenham in the 14th Henry III., about 1230, was the son of William of Huntingfeld, in Suffolk,<sup>1</sup> by Isabel his wife, daughter of Henry de Gressenhall, relict of Beranger de Cressi and afterwards wife of Osmond de Stutevil. Their son and heir, Roger de Huntingfeld, had two wives; and by the second, Joan, daughter of Galfridus or William de Hobrugg, had a son William, who was twenty years old in August, 1257. But upon the death of Joan, Roger de Huntingfeld (son of William), her grandson, was found her next heir, then upwards of thirty years old,<sup>2</sup> so that William must have died in her lifetime.<sup>3</sup>

Joan had the guardianship of Jocosa or Joyce, daughter and heir of William de la Zouche, touching whose custody some legal proceedings are recorded;<sup>4</sup> but Joice, the wife of Roger, her grandson, is stated to have been the daughter of John de Engaine,<sup>5</sup> his mother having been Emma, daughter of John de Grey. Joyce, widow of Roger de Huntingfeld, was living in 1311.<sup>6</sup> By an inquisition held at East Bradenham in the following year, 9th November, 7th Edward II., William de Huntingfeld (who was son of Roger and Joyce) was found to have died seized of lands in that town and Scarning, held of Thomas, Earl of Lancaster. He left by Joan his first wife, daughter of John, Baron Hastings of

<sup>1</sup> It having been reported to King Henry III., in the 9th year of his reign, that Roger de Huntingfeld had sent to his assistance Andrew de Gayzi his knight, who had performed laudable service, the Sheriff of Suffolk had an order that a demand of sixty marks due from Roger to the king should be excused.

William de Huntingfeld and Isabel his wife conveyed by fine all their right in the town and advowson of Wendling to the Abbat of Bury, who reconveyed to them the whole township, to be held of the abbat and his successors by knight service and rent of sixty shillings per annum, 6th Richard I.—*Abb. Plac.*

<sup>2</sup> Inq. p. m., 25 Edward I., n. 48.

<sup>3</sup> He did die in 1282-3.

<sup>4</sup> Joiosa filia et heres Willielmi la Zouches et Matildæ uxoris suæ defunctorum.—Breve de terris Johanne de Huntingfeld (captis in manu Regis) replegiandis eo quod non habuit custodiam ipsius Joiosæ, 57.

<sup>5</sup> In the 7th year of Edward I. an agreement was entered into between William de Huntingfeld and John de Engaine, that Roger, eldest son of said William, should marry Jocosa, eldest daughter of John, which was carried into effect the following year, 1279.

<sup>6</sup> Roger de Huntingfeld was a Baron by tenure, and was one of the Peers at the Parliament at Lincoln who sent the famous answer to Pope Boniface in 1301, and called therein "*Dñs de Bradenham.*"

Abergavenny, Roger, his son and heir, then aged eight years. An agreement was entered into in that same year between the Earl of Lancaster and the Abbat of Bury St. Edmund's, touching the wardship of this heir during his minority. It appears, however, that in the 13th of that reign Sir Walter de Norwich had this guardianship, probably by purchase, and married his ward to his own daughter Cecilia.

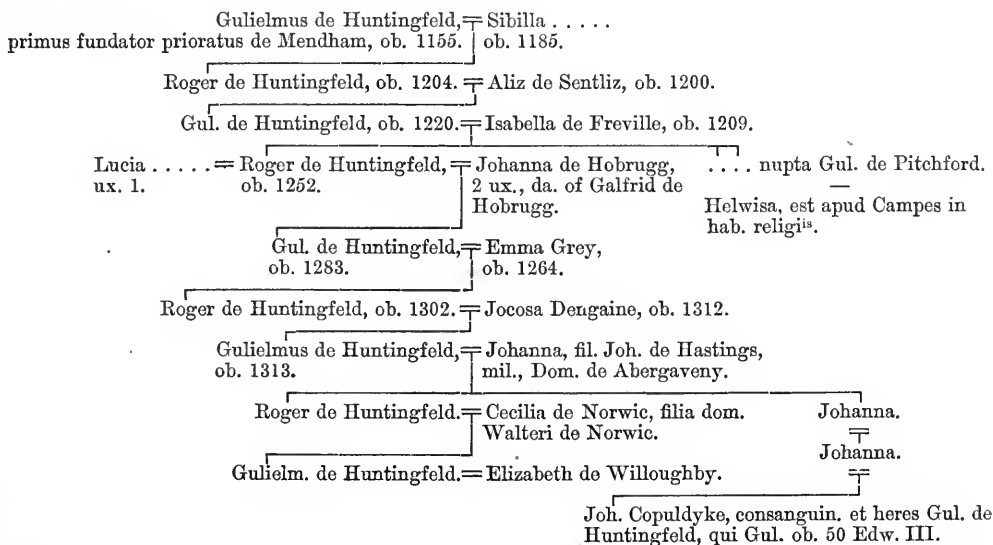
The manor of East Bradenham was still part of the possessions of Thomas, Earl of Lancaster, at the time of his death,<sup>1</sup> being returned as held by Roger de Huntingfeld by the service of one-quarter of a knight's fee as of the Honor of Lancaster.

Roger died seized in 1337,<sup>2</sup> William his son and heir being seven years and a half old, who proved his full age in the 25th and died in the 50th year of Edward III. Previous to which, John, only son of William, having predeceased him, Roger the father had settled his estates, subject to William's life estate, on William de Ufford, Earl of Suffolk, for life, with remainder to his issue in tail. This Earl was the son of Robert de Ufford, the first Earl of the family, and related to the settlor thus: Margaret, wife of Earl Robert, being a daughter of Sir Walter de Norwich, and sister of Cecilia wife of Roger de Huntingfeld, the last of that name, and so first cousin on the mother's side.

#### PEDIGREE OF HUNTINGFELD,

(from MSS. relating to the Priory of Mendham in Suffolk, of which William de Huntingfeld was the founder.)

"Hic recitantur Patroni hoc ordine et his temporibus sed utrum successive per ordinem genealogice quærendum est."



"Dns. Joh. de Copuldyke post mort. Gulielm. de Huntingfeld q. ultimus obiit inheruit in Manor de Horham ut consanguineus et hæres propinquior dicti Gulielmi sed quomodo est consanguineus et heres ignoratur."—*Harl. MSS.*

"Ideo Dns Rex habeat breve ad distringend Joh'am de Huntingfeude p xxxiiij sol. de subtrac d. dno. Rege ad turnam Vic p xviiij annis p ten. in Skernynge."—*Abbreviatio Placitorum*, 16 Ed. I, rot. 32.

<sup>1</sup> Inq. p. m., 1st Edward III., m. 88.

<sup>2</sup> Esc. 11th Edward III., m. 47.

Earl William died without surviving issue, having by his will, dated on Tuesday next ensuing the Feast of St. Barnabas, 1381, given to Isabel his wife "lands which should descend to me after the death of my dear cousin of Huntingfeld." His heirs were his three sisters,—Cecily, married to John Lord Willoughby of Eresby; Katherine, married to Robert Lord Scales, and Margaret, to William Lord Ferrars of Groby. But soon after this Huntingfeld's manor became reunited to the capital manor in the Abbey of Bury. And in the 3rd Henry IV. the abbat was returned as holding the united manors, as one knight's fee, of the Earl of Lincoln, who held of the Earl of Rutland in right of his wife, the tenant in capite, as parcel of the Barony of Baynard.

The possessions of the Abbey of Bury St. Edmund's being in the king's hands after the Dissolution, he in his 35th year granted the advowson of the church of East Bradenham to Robert Hogan, or Hoogan, Esq., who was also farmer of the manor. He died on 4th March, 1st Edward VI., seized of twenty acres of land in East Bradenham and Skernying, late of Henry Crowe, and other lands there; of which, lands called *Ede* and *Hey* were held in free soccage of the manor of Huntingfield Hall, which were then in the occupation of Raph;<sup>1</sup> lands late Brownes and Fulbourns were held of the king, in free soccage, of the Manor of Est Bradenham, late of the Monastery of Bury St. Edmund's.<sup>2</sup> Brigett, the widow of Robert Hogan, married secondly John Calybutt, Esq., whom she also survived, and as Brigett Calybut, widow, was living at East Bradenham in 2nd and 3rd Philip and Mary, 1556, where she died on 16th July, 6th Elizabeth, 1564.<sup>3</sup>

Thomas Hoogan, Esq., the son of Robert and Brigett, by his will gave his lands in Skerning, with lands in Est Bradenham, and a portion of the tithes of the rectory of Nayton, alias Necton, to Robert Downes and Edmond Hogan, Esqrs., for twenty years, remainder to Henry Hogan his son, if living. He was also seized of a manor called HAMONDS in Est Bradenham, (stated inaccurately to be held of the Master of the Chapel of St. Nicholas of Rougholme in soccage) and of the tenement called Crowes in Est Bradenham and Skerning containing sixty acres, held of the manor of Huntingfield Hall in soccage; also of the rectory and church of Est Bradenham, and of the rectory and church of Necton. The advowsons of those rectories and portion of tithes being of the yearly value of £5, and held of the Queen in capite by the fortieth part of a knight's fee. He died on 7th March, 28th Elizabeth (1585-6), Henry Hogan his son and heir then aged twenty-nine years.<sup>4</sup>

Of the manor of HAMONDS I only know from Blomefield that it was part of the fief of the Bardolphs of Wirmegay, and was held in 3rd of Edward III. by Thomas Virley;<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The manor-house of Huntingfield Hall, a substantial red brick mansion surrounded by a large moat, with panelled rooms within, has been pulled down within the last few years. Somewhat west of this are the remains of a Gothic chapel, now used as a barn.

<sup>2</sup> By his will, dated 6th November, 37th Henry VIII., he gave all, &c., to Brigett his wife for life.—Inq. p. m., 3rd June, 1st Edward VI., p. 2, n. 14.

<sup>3</sup> Inq. p. m., 17th April, 7th Elizabeth.

<sup>4</sup> Inq. p. m. at Swaffham, 29th Elizabeth, n. 248.

<sup>5</sup> There was a manor called Verlis in Pickenham, which extended into Holme Hale and probably into Bradenham.

that in 13th Richard II. William Lord Bardolph held the fourth part of a knight's fee here and in Yaxham, &c., part of the portion of Agnes his wife, which in the 5th of Henry VI. was held of Thomas Beaufort, Duke of Exeter, by Robert Fishpool, under John Rookwood, as parcel of the Honor of Wirnecy; after which it belonged to the Hammunds, from which family it derived its name, being, I assume, that of Hammond of Scarning.

Henry Hogan, the eldest son of Thomas and of Susanna his wife, was married at St. Stephen's, Norwich, 8th April, 1588, to Anne, daughter of Sir Henry Woodhouse of Waxham, Knt., who survived him, and afterwards married Sir Julius Cæsar, Knt., Master of the Rolls. Henry Hogan died 20th April, 1591, seized of the manor of Hammonds and divers lands in East Bradenham and Scarning, including the lands before mentioned called Crowes, Moores, and other lands called Strumplings and Woodcrofts in Est Bradenham; also of the rectory of Neyton, alias Necton, and the advowson of the Rectory of Est Bradenham, which he had enfeoffed to Francis Wyndham, late Justice of the Queen's Bench, Nathaniel Bacon, and John Hogan, Esqrs., to the use of Anne, wife of him, said Henry, for life, and (so subject) of himself in fee. Robert Hogan, the only issue of the marriage, was on the day of his father's death aged only thirty-six weeks and four days, and died, still in infancy, on 30th July, 1612, when the manor and estate passed to his heirs-at-law, who were his aunts, Ann, aged fifty-seven years, wife of Sir Henry Dey, Knt., and Elizabeth, aged sixty, wife of Nicholas Bedingfeld, Gent. The manor of Hammonds is properly stated by Inquisition to be held of the manor of Est Bradenham nuper Abbis Sæi Edmundi de Bury by knight service.<sup>1</sup>

The will of Thomas Hoogan of East Bradenham, Esq., is dated 26th January, 28th Elizabeth (1585-6).<sup>2</sup> In it are named the following relatives: to my son Henry;—to Anne my wife;—my son-in-law Robert Downes;—my brother Edward Hogan;—Panworth Hall and property at Saham to said wife: apparently no issue at all by her at date of will; she sister to Edward Goddert;—my son Thomas Hoogan, deceased;—my nephew Philip Awdely;—my son Springe and my daughter his wife;—Robert Downes, husband of daughter Elizabeth;—Susan Downes my grandchild;—Thomas Hoogan, son of my brother Francis Hoogan (both living);—children of son Downes and of son Spring. Testator refers to will of his father Robert Hoogan. Elizabeth, wife of my brother Edmund Hoogan;—my brother Francis Hoogan;—Dorothy Sholvedham now serving my wife;—Margery Springe serving my daughter Springe.<sup>3</sup>

Will of Anne Hoogan of Newbery, late wife of Thomas Hoogan of Bradnam, co. Norff., Esq., deceased, dated 31st January, 1603, names Francis Hoogan my brother-in-law;—my brother Goddard, my nephew Edward his son;—my daughter Downes;—my daughter Springe's children. Codicil, 13th March, 1604. Proved 29th June, 1605, by nephew Edward Goddard, the executor, P. C. C.

<sup>1</sup> Inq. p. m., 13th Jac. I., pt. 1. m. 119.

<sup>2</sup> Proved 16th November, 1586, P. C. C.

<sup>3</sup> See Marriage License, Ep. Reg. Norwich:—Spring Rob. of Icklingham, co. Suff., Hogan Ann of East Bradenham, co. Norff., 23 Feb. 1578.

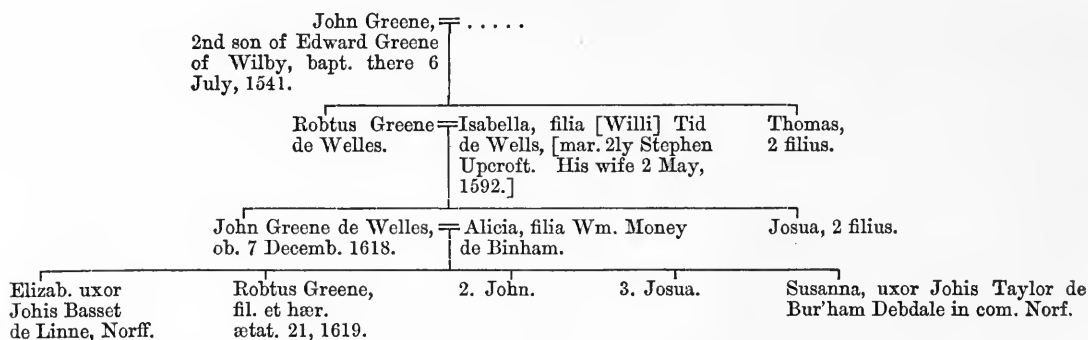
In order to reconcile the facts shown by these wills with those to be deduced from the proceedings hereafter set forth, one must be careful to distinguish this last testatrix from Anne, the widow of Henry, who figures in the latter; but these explain how the Hogan manors and estate at East Bradenham and elsewhere went to the family of *Hungate*.

In 21st Car. Henry Hungate, son and heir of Henry Hungate, Esq., deceased, formerly of Leicester, was fourteen years of age. Henry Hungate, Esq., the son, died at East Bradenham, 16th May, 1668, aged forty-four. Martha, his daughter, upon whom the property had been settled, was the wife, first of John Green, Esq., of East Bradenham, and surviving him married secondly Edmund Beaghan, Esq., of Sissinghurst in Kent. Upon her death without issue by Mr. Green, her brother Henry Hungate appears to have succeeded, and to have made over his interest to Mr. Beaghan.

In 1678 William Goulson or Goulston, Esq., (in 1680 styled Knight) was lord of the manor of East Bradenham, which he appears to have purchased of Henry Hungate in or before 1676.<sup>1</sup>

The landed estate of the Hogans, or part of it, if not the manor, having, as before stated, passed for a time into the possession of the family of *Green*, who made it their residence, I think it desirable to give some account of the latter, who appear to have descended from the Greens of Wilby in Suffolk.

#### PEDIGREE OF GREENE.



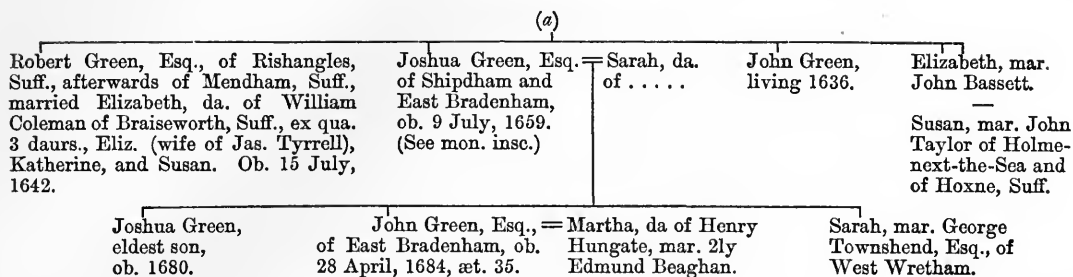
So much from *Harl. MS.* 1177, fo. 114 b. The following are additions.

John Green, Esq., = Alicia, da. of Wm. Moneys of Binham,  
of Wells, afterwards Comptroller of and widow of Henry Gouldsmith, ob.  
Customs at Lynn Regis, died 4 Dec. 29 June, 1622; bur. in St. Nicholas'  
1618, æt. 41; bur. in St. Margaret's Chapel.  
Church there.

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<sup>1</sup> In a note at the foot of p. 30, ante, it is stated that the widow of Sir William Goulston remarried Sir James Etheridge. This was taken from Le Neve's *Knights*. I learn from Clutterbuck that he was son of Richard Goulston, Esq., of Widicot in Herts, and that his wife was Frideswide, daughter of — Morris. He died in 1687, aged forty-seven, and she was buried on 13th December in the same year. The second marriage is therefore very improbable. There were three children, Frideswide, Mary, and an only son, Morritius. The arms were:— Barry nebuly, argent and gules, over all on a bend sable three plates.





The will of "John Grene of Wellys by the Sea," dated 25th February, 1527, was proved 28th March, 1528. He mentions his wife *Agnes*.

The will of Robert Greene of Wells-next-the-Sea, yeoman, is dated 2nd February, 1589. He names son Josuah;—wife Isabell;—son John (apparently the eldest). Proved 11th March, 1589, Archd. Norw.

At a court for the manor of East Dereham, April 6th, 1665, the death was found of Josua Greene, Gent., seized of copyhold land which he took up in 1659 as son and heir of Josua Green, Esq.; and John Greene, Gent., his brother and heir, aged sixteen, was admitted, to whom Sara Green, widow, his mother, was appointed guardian, &c.

By indenture dated 5th March, 1683, Joshua Greene of Kingston-upon-Hull, Gent., "sonne and heire of Joshua Greene late of King's Lynn, merchant, and Rose his wife, deceased," leased a messuage, &c., in Lynn to Woolestone Greene of King's Lynn, Gent., brother of said Joshua, for one year.

In BRAISEWORTH CHURCH, Suffolk, is a monument thus inscribed: "Here under lyeth y<sup>e</sup> Body of Robert Greene, Gent., eldest son of John Green late of King's Linn, Norf., Esq. He married Eliza, daught. of Will. Coleman of this Parish, Gent., & of Katherine his wife, the Daught. of Edm. Bakon of Hessel, Esq., by whom y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Robert had issue Elizabeth, Katherine, and Susan, his coheirs, and dyed y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> of July in y<sup>e</sup> 42 of his age, An. 1642." Arms: Per pale azure and gules, a chevron between three stags trippant or, in dexter chief a mullet, and on the chevron a crescent.

In ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH, LYNN, is a brass plate with the same arms and this inscription: "Here lies the Body of John Greene, Gent., Comptroller of this Port, born at Wells-near-the-Sea within this county, departed this mortal life the 4<sup>th</sup> of Dec. An<sup>o</sup>. Dni. 1618. Ætatis suæ 41."

And on another: "Here lieth the Body of Alice Greene, late the wife of John Greene, Gentleman, sometime Comptroller of this Port of King's Lynn. She departed, &c., 29th day of June, 1622."

On the same stone an inscription to Mrs. Susan Taylor, widow, daughter of the aforesaid John Greene and Alice his wife. She died 11<sup>th</sup> March, 1669, aged 65.

Joshua Greene, Esq., twice Mayor of this Corporation, departed, &c., 6 Nov., 1661.

Sarah, eldest daughter of Edward Greene, Gent., and sole wife of Joshua Greene, Gent., deceased, twice Mayor of this Burgh, with whom she lived 40 years, and had issue four sons and six daughters, and died in the South, March 27, 1657, aged 69 years.

WELLS, on an altar-tomb in churchyard: Susanna Green, the wife of John Green, and daughter of Robert Chad by Frances his wife, died 2 March, 1731, aged 46. The said John Green died July . . . aged 38.

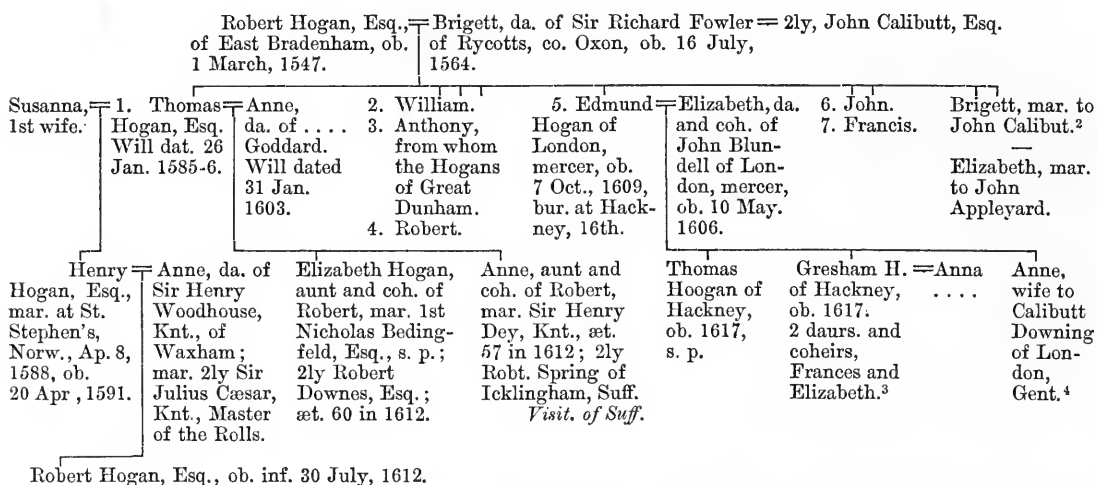
In ST. NICHOLAS' CHAPEL, LYNN: Margaret, the wife of John Greene, was buried 5 June, 1610. Fixed to south wall, a marble monument with effigies of man and wife, arms and inscription: Thomas Greene, Armiger, Mercatorum Lenne Decus, &c. . . . Majoratu suo tertio, &c., Aug. 16, 1675. Unicum duxit uxorem Susannam filiam Joh. Barker, Gent., & ex novem liberis tres reliquit superstites, &c. Susanna ejus vidua hoc posuit, &c.

John Green, Gent., and Martha Hungate, Gentlewoman, were married at Necton, 13th October, 1670.

In 1694 Henry Hungate, Esq., of St. Martin's in Middlesex, succeeded to copyholds

in West Bradenham as brother and heir of his sister Martha, wife of Edmond Beaghan, Esq., of Sissinghurst, Kent, before the wife of John Green, Esq., under whose will they passed, as well as the manor, to Edmund Hungate Beaghan, Esq., his eldest son,<sup>1</sup> about 1725; and, on the death of the latter, about 1758, to George Beaghan, Esq., his eldest son, after whose death they were sold, about 1769, to Edward Buckley Batson, of Lombard Street, London, Esq., and Charles Freaque, in trust for the Rev. *Thomas Clarke* of Westminster. In 1803 a recovery was suffered of those copyholds by Edward Buckley Batson and Thomas Truesdale Clarke, Esq., who was eldest and only surviving son of the Rev. Thomas Clarke, deceased, (described as devisee under the will of Thomas Bridges, Esq., deceased.) Mr. Thomas Truesdale Clarke retained the manor, but the site, with farms of 307 acres, 34 acres, 244 acres, and 36 acres of land, in Scarning, Wendling, East and West Bradenham, were sold to George Lucas Strudwick, Esq., of Shipdham, or to Edmund Strudwick his father, from whom they descended to Elizabeth Maria Strudwick, the daughter and only lawful issue of Edmund; but afterwards became the property of Mr. Thomas Adlington, an eminent solicitor of London, and from him of Captain Henry Smith Adlington, his son, the present owner, and patron of the rectory, residing at Holme Hale.

## PEDIGREE OF HOGAN.



<sup>1</sup> Bapt. 1703; but as he was not the son of Martha, Mr. Beaghan must have married again, and Catherine his wife was buried at East Bradenham 4th June, 1729.

<sup>2</sup> The Inq. p. m. of John Calybutt, of Castleacre, Esq., who died 20th February, 1st and 2nd Philip and Mary, refers to settlement on marriage of John and Bridget his wife, and that Bridget survived and was then living at East Bradenham.

<sup>3</sup> In the Church of St. Peter Mancroft at Norwich is a monumental inscription to Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Waller of Beaconsfield, Bucks, Esq.: "Filia et heres Gresham Hogan de Hackney in Com. Midd. armig. (qui fuit de stirpe Hogonorum de East Bradenham in Com. Norf.) et coheres Johannis Blundell de Barton in Com. Oxon. armig."—Blomefield, iv. 196.

<sup>4</sup> In Quaintin Church, Bucks, is a slab to Anne, daughter of Edmund Hogan of Hackney, Esq., and wife of Calibut Downing of Shennington, co. Gloucester, Esq., who died at Quaintin, 8 Dec. 1630.—Lipscomb. Anne Calibut was buried at Snoring Magna 18th September, 1588: Elizabeth Hogan, viduæ, 30th July, 1707.

## ADDITIONAL EVIDENCES RELATING TO HOGAN OF EAST BRADENHAM.

By indenture dated 1st May, 2nd Edward VI., between Thomas Hogan of London, Esq., son and heir of Robert Hogan, late of Bradenham, Esq., deceased, Thomas Gawdy of Shottisham Hall, Esq., and William Hogan, Robert Hogan, and Edmund Hogan, gentrymen, sons of said Robert Hogan, deceased, of the one part, and Sir Thomas Lewyn Clarke and Germyne Ozell [or *Cyoll*]<sup>1</sup> of the other part. Referring to the will of Robert Hogan, Esq., who had the manors of Northenhall, Longham priors and Gunters,<sup>2</sup> and divers lands, tenements, &c., in lyttle Skarnyng, Longham, Kempston, Beeston, Brandon fery, and Oxborough, late part of the possessions of the late dissolved Priory of Wendling, and a close called grete Wendling close, a close called Botolphe's close, one other close called Garnys, and a close called the Church close, late parcel of the Priory of Wendling; and also of divers lands, &c., in Ovington called Sturges and Dymes, and a close there leased to Gyles Willes, and divers pastures in great Fransham leased to Thomas Hey and Thomas Mottley, a close called Gowdes close leased to Hilary Balye, another close in lytle Fransham leased to Water Cook, the said Robert Hogan willed that the said Thomas Gawdy, therein designated his cousin Thomas Gawdy of Shottyscham, should sell such part of the premises late part of the Priory of Wendling, and the premises in Great and Lytle Fransham, of the clear yearly value of £10, as he should think mete; and the rest of the premises he gave to the aforesaid William, Robert, and Edmund Hogan, his sonnes, and their heirs, evenly to be divided between them in common, without any survivorship between them, but each a third part. And he thereby appointed Brygitte his wife and the said Thomas Gawdy executors. Now, the said Thomas Gawdy and other parties, in consideration of £20 paid by Thomas Lewyn and Jermyn Cyoll (or Ozell) to said Thomas Hogan, bargained and sold to Lewyn and Cyoll, their heirs and assigns, the two messuages or tenements called Sturges and Dymes in Ovington, with all lands and tenements in Ovington, Saham, Watton, and Gryston, thereto belonging,—except and reserved to said Thomas Hogan and his heirs a certain close in Ovington,—to hold to Lewyn and Cyoll, their heirs and assigns, for ever, with covenants for title. Signatures of conveying parties, but seals cut off. Enrolled at Westminster, Term' Pasche, rot. 2, Edward VI.

It is set out in Proceedings in Chancery instituted by Anne Day and Elizabeth Bedingfeld against *Ann Hungate*,<sup>3</sup> that Henry Hogan dyed 20th April 34th, Elizabeth (1591), seized of the manor of Hamonds and other lands, &c., in *East Bradenham*, Skarning, *West Bradenham*, Shipdham, Neicton, Holme Hale, and Wendlinge, and of a certeyn portion of

<sup>1</sup> It is difficult to decide whether this name is Ozell or Cyoll, but I think it reads the latter.

<sup>2</sup> Guntons.

<sup>3</sup> Michaelmas Term, 1612.

tyth issuing out of the rectory, and of the advowsons of *East Bradenham and Neilton*. And after his decease the said manors, lands, rents, &c., came to Robert Hogan, son and heir of said Henry, the said Robert being then only eighteen weeks old, and so a ward to the Queen, which Robert died 3rd July, 1612, leaving Anne, wife of Sir Henry Day, and Elizabeth, wife of Nicholas Bedingfeld of Gislingham, Suffolk, his next heirs, viz., daughters and heirs of Thomas Hogan, father of Henry the father of Robert. Anne, the wife of said Henry Hogan, who, as has been before said, was a daughter of Sir Henry Woodhouse, Knt., of Waxham, and who certainly, after the death of Hogan, married Sir Julius Cæsar, Knt., the Master of the Rolls,<sup>1</sup> would appear to have become a second time a widow, and thirdly to have married William Hungate; and the charge against her was, that she, when Ann Hungate, by fraud induced her son Robert Hogan, a short time before his death, "in his sickness, to levy a fine and make a feoffment of his estate to her and her heirs in disherison of the right heirs of Henry her husband." To which she answered that Henry Hogan died intestate and largely in debt, and that she purchased the wardship of her son Robert from the Crown; that she paid out of her own estate £200 for her husband Hogan's debts; and that her last husband, William Hungate, had expended £500 in defending the suit, and £200 to Robert; and had also purchased intermixed lands, intending to settle them to the same uses. It appeared in evidence that Robert at the time was quite capable of managing his own affairs, and that of his own free will he gave it to her in fee, that after her it might come to his heirs. Indeed the deed contained a proviso that in a certain event the fine should be after her decease to the heirs of Robert, and it does not appear that it was set aside.<sup>2</sup> But Robert Hogan dying so soon afterwards, Mrs. Hungate became absolutely entitled to the estate, and so Henry Hungate, her son by William Hungate, her last husband, whom she also survived, became her heir; and, as we have seen before, Martha, the sister and heir of this Henry, who had no issue by her first husband Green, marrying Edmund Beaghan, the manor and estate of East Bradenham passed to Edmund Hungate Beaghan, and to his only son, George Edmund Beaghan.

The Beaghans bore for arms, Argent, a chevron gules within a bordure bezantée.

By indenture dated 18th June, 1655, Henry Hungate of East Braddenham, Esq., and Anne his wife, Robert Duffield of Stowbeadon, yeoman, and Bridgett his wife, John Watlinge of Great Fransham, yeoman, and Mary his wife, Edmond Watlinge of Fransham aforesaid, yeoman, and Elizabeth his wife, Charles Bateman of Holme Hale, Gent., Henry Becke of Stowbedon, yeoman, and Matthew Flegge of Great Fransham, yeoman, declared the uses of a fine levied by the parties "in the Court at Westminster called the neather Bench, formerly the Court of Common Pleas," of thirty-five acres of land, thirty-three acres of pasture in East Bradenham, Stow Beadon, and Great Fransham. As to two closes

<sup>1</sup> She was third wife of Sir Julius, to whom she was married at the Rolls Chapel, 19th April, 1615. Ann, daughter of William Hungate, was wife of Sir John Cæsar, (fifth son of Sir Julius, born October 20th, 1597, by his second wife, Alice, daughter of Charles Green of Manchester, and widow of John Deart, merchant, of London): he, Sir John, died May 23rd, 1647.

<sup>2</sup> See more, *History of Launditch*, pt. iii., 456.

containing fifty acres, part of the ground called *the Leyes*, in East Bradenham, next lands of Josua Grene, to the use of Charles Bateman in fee.

*Thomas Hoogan* of Great Dunham, Esq., in his will, dated 1st November, 1684, desired "my manor of *Canons and Sparham*" in co. Norff., with all, &c., in the Franshams, Dunhams, Wendling, Scarning, and *East Bradenham*, to Elizabeth Hoogan his wife; she to bring up eldest son Thomas at schoole and learning until he be fit for the University; and he to be educated at University and Inns of Court; she also to bring up Edward Hoogan my son, &c., until fit to be bound apprentice, "or, if he make a little improvement of his parts, at the University." Names three other children, Elizabeth, Mary, and Augustine, all under age. Proved 21st December, 1686, by Elizabeth the widow, Arch. Norw.

The following, extracted from the Royalist Composition Papers in the Public Record Office (Series I., vol. xx., pp. 809—835) confirm and supplement the statements in the Proceedings in Chancery before mentioned.

According to yo<sup>r</sup> Order of the 9<sup>th</sup> of Aprill, 1651, vpon the peticoñ of Edmond Downes of Bodney in the County of Norfolk, Esq., whereby I am required to examine and state the interest and title of the peticoñer to Lands in Norfolk lately sequestred for the delinquency of William Hungate, Esq., deceased, I finde

That Henry Hogan, Esq., was seised in fee of the Mannor of Hammonds in East Bradenham, and diuers lands and tennements in East Bradenham, Skurning, and Necton, in the said County of Norfolk. And soe seized by Indenture beareing date the 9<sup>th</sup> of Aprill 34 Elizabeth, conveyed the same to ffrancis Windham, Esq., then one of the Justices of the Common Pleas and others, to the vse of Ann then wife of the said Henry Hogan for her life, without impeachment of Wast, and after her decease to the vse of the right heires of the said Henry Hogan for ever, And died the 20<sup>th</sup> of Aprill, 34 Elizabeth, leaveing Robert Hogan his sonn and heir then of the age of 36 weekes and in ward to the said late Queene. And the said Ann (suruiueing the said Henry Hogan) was afterwards married to William Hungate, Esq., by whom shee had issue Henry Hungate, Esq., afterwards S<sup>r</sup>. Henry Hungate, Knt.

That 1st June, 1612, an Indenture was made betweene the said Robert Hogan the ward, then being of the age of 20 yeares and tenn months, of the one part, and the said Ann, his mother and guardian, of the other part, whereby is recited the said deed of feoffment to the vse of the said Ann, and an agreement betweene the said parties that a fine should be leauied of the premisses betweene the said Ann Hungate, plantiue, and the said Robert Hogan, deforciant. Which fine by that Indenture was declared to bee to the vse of the said Ann Hungate and of her heires for euer, if the said Robert Hogan should not pay or cause to bee paid to the said Ann the first of September then next the some of Tenn shillings. And if hee should soe pay that Tenn shillings, then to the vse of the said Ann and her assignes for her life without impeachment of wast. And after her decease then to the vse of the said Robert Hogan and his heires. And I finde that a fine was leauied accordingly of the premisses in Trinity tearme, 1612, which was the 15<sup>th</sup> of June, 1612.

And I finde that the 3<sup>o</sup> of July, 1612, the said Robt Hogan, being then of the age of 20 yeares 11 moneths, died without issue of his body begotten. And Elizabeth, formerly wife of Robert downes, Esq., and Ann, formerly wife of Robert Spring, were Couzens and heires of the said Robert Hogan, that is to say, sisters of the said Henry Hogan, father of the said Robert Hogan, after which tyme the said Ann Hungate was married to S<sup>r</sup>. Julius Cæsar, Knight.

And I finde that vpon an eiectione firma brought by the Lessee of Thomas Downes, sonn and heir of the said Elizabeth, one of the said Coheires of the said Robert Hogan, and of the said Ann, the other

coheir, against the tennant of the said S<sup>r</sup>. Julius Cæsar, Knight, and Ann his wife, a special verdict was found, and the whole case therein found as aforesaid. And it was further found, that the said Coheires, nor either of them, had noe notice of the said Indenture of the first of June, 1612, and that the said some of tenn shillings was not paid vpon the said first of September, 1612, to the said Ann, formerly wife of the said Henry Hogan, and then the wife of the said S<sup>r</sup>. Julius Cæsar, according to the said Indenture, and it was also found in the said speciall verdict, that the said Coheires the first of March, 1614, did enter vpon the premisses.

And I finde that diuers suits were both at the Common Law and in Chancery, and Starrchamber, for the ouerthrowing the said Indenture and fine of the infant. But the said Ann, the infant's mother, after wife of the said S<sup>r</sup>. Julius Cæsar, enjoyed the same dureing her life, and died about 1637. After whose death S<sup>r</sup>. Henry Hungate, her sonn and heir, entred and enioyed the premisses during his life, and died in Oxford Garrison, leauing William Hungate, Esq., his sonn and heir.

And I finde by returne of the Commissioners of Norfolk of the 27<sup>th</sup> of January, 1650, that the estate of the said William Hungate, Esq., delinquent, was sequestred before Lady day, 1644, for that hee was in Armes against the parliament. That his estate was let at 230*li*. 16*s*. p an<sup>n</sup>. That it lay vnder Sequestracōn till 3<sup>o</sup> March, 1646, and then discharged by Order of the Lords and Commons for Sequestracōns after the death of the said William Hungate. And there is an entry made in the booke of the Commissioners for sequestracōns in Norfolk that Thomas Jones, Curate of Woodstock, did certifie that the said William Hungate was buried in Woodstock in August, 1645.

As for the title of the peticōner, I finde that hee is sonn and heir of the said Thomas downes, Esq., sonn and heir of Elizabeth downes, one of the two Coheires of the said Robert Hogan, and soe he is heir to one moytie of the premisses, if he be not preuented by the said fine and Indenture leauied and made by the said Robert Hogan the infant in his minority as aforesaid, for any thing yet appearing to mee in the Case ffor the precedent title of the said Ann the infant's mother did last vntill her death in 1637, till when the title could not accrew to the Coheires.

I finde that after her death (viz.) in Anno 1637, Thomas downes, Esq., sonn and heir of Elizabeth, one of the said Coheires and Thomas Spring, sonn and heir of the said Ann, the other of the said two Coheires, entred and made their Claime as heires to the said Robert Hogan. And another entry was made in the premisses in 1641 by the said Thomas downes and by William Spring, sonn and heir of the said Thomas Spring, of which entries proof is ready to be made.

And vpon search made in the fine office, I haue receaued a Certificate from the Clark there that there was a fine leauied of the premisses in Michaelmas tearme, 1627, Betweene Edward Earl of dorsett and S<sup>r</sup>. Henry Compton, Knight of the Bath, plaintiues, and S<sup>r</sup>. Henry Hungate, K<sup>nt</sup>., deforciant, vpon the back of which fine is endorsed this memorandum that the 23<sup>th</sup> of Nouember, 1630, Ann day, widow, and Thomas downes, Esq., put in their claime to the premisses which they desired to bee entered and endorsed vpon the Record which was done accordingly, but that since that time (as is certified by the said Clark) there hath beene noe fine leauied thereof. But I finde that seuerall entries and claimes have since beene made by the said Coheires.

And I finde that vpon the death of the said Ann, then Lady Cæsar, in 1637, the said S<sup>r</sup>. Henry Hungate entred into the premisses as heir to the said Ann, and enioyed the same during his life, and that after his death William Hungate, Esq., his sonn and heir entred and was thereof seised, and the premisses were sequestred for his delinquency.

Haberdashers Hall,  
London.

Die Mercurii, 9 Aprilis, 1651.

By the Comis's for advance of Mony, &c.

Vpon reading the Peticōn of Edmond Downe, Esq<sup>r</sup>., one of the Coheires of Robert Hogan, deceased, a Copy whereof is herevnto annexed, attested by o<sup>r</sup> Reg<sup>r</sup>, shewing that the Comis's for Sequestracōns in the

County of Norfolke haue lately secured the Estate of Henry Hungate of Bradnam, Esq<sup>r</sup>., in which the Petic<sup>r</sup> pretendeth to haue a just title. It is therevpon ordered that it be referred to Mr. Reading to examine and State the interest and title of the said Edmond Downe' to the Premisses, and to make report thereof to vs

M. Dallison.

Sam. Moye.  
Edw. Winslow.  
Willm. Molins.  
Ric. Moore.

To y<sup>e</sup> honora<sup>ble</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Comis<sup>rs</sup> for advance, &c.

The humble Peticon of Edmund Downe, Esq<sup>r</sup>., one of y<sup>e</sup> Coheyres of Robert Hogan, deceased, Humbly sheweth—

That y<sup>e</sup> Comis<sup>rs</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> County of Norfolke haue lately certified yo<sup>r</sup> honno<sup>rs</sup> that according to yo<sup>r</sup> order they haue secured the Estate of Henry Hungate of Bradnam, Esq<sup>re</sup>., and w<sup>th</sup> all that yo<sup>r</sup> Petic<sup>r</sup> hath a just title to the said Lands, and that the said Lands may be continued secured for yo<sup>r</sup> Petic<sup>rs</sup> Recusancy the Petic<sup>r</sup> hath beene some years vnjustly kept out of his estate therein.

And therefore—

He humbly prayes that his title may be examined and Reported to yo<sup>r</sup> honno<sup>rs</sup>. That neither the Co<sup>m</sup>on wealth nor yo<sup>r</sup> Petic<sup>r</sup> may be any longer wronged therein.

Copia vera

And he shall pray.

Ex' M. Dallison, Reg<sup>r</sup>.

Edmund Downes.

Norff. Mich. 3 Ca'.

Inſ Ed<sup>r</sup> Co<sup>m</sup> Dorsett & al' q et Hen<sup>r</sup> Hungate Mil de M<sup>o</sup> de Hamond & al' & teñ in East Bradenham & al' huntingfeild Hall.

County of Norffolke.

William Hungate, Esq<sup>r</sup>., Delinquent, Sequestred before Lady day, 1644, ffor that he was in Armes against the P<sup>li</sup>ament. His estate Lying in East Braddenham and Scarning Lett at y<sup>e</sup> tyme of y<sup>e</sup> Sequestrac<sup>o</sup>n thereof for p añ Two Hundred and Thirty pounds Sixteen Shillings, Lay under Sequestrac<sup>o</sup>n till y<sup>e</sup> third day of March, 1646, And then discharged by order of y<sup>e</sup> Co<sup>m</sup>ittee of Lords and Co<sup>m</sup>ons for Sequestrac<sup>o</sup>ns after y<sup>e</sup> death of y<sup>e</sup> said William Hungate, S<sup>r</sup>. Henry Hungate y<sup>e</sup> ffather having Devised by his last will and Testam<sup>t</sup> unto Dame Martha Hungate, his wife, y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>u</sup>me of one hundred pounds p añ out of y<sup>e</sup> said estate,

And also ffive Hundred pounds to Henry Hungate his younger sonne.

The above written is a true Coppie of what is returned concerning y<sup>e</sup> above said William Hungate by y<sup>e</sup> Late Co<sup>m</sup>ittee for Sequestrac<sup>o</sup>ns in A List of Names of such p<sup>so</sup>ns whoe were formerly Sequestered in y<sup>e</sup> County of Norff before ffeb<sup>r</sup> 1649, exhibited y<sup>e</sup> xxvij<sup>th</sup> of January, 1650.

Ex<sup>a</sup> p<sup>r</sup> B<sup>T</sup>

To the hono<sup>ble</sup> Com<sup>rs</sup> for  
Compounding w<sup>th</sup> delinquent<sup>s</sup>.

Whereas by yo<sup>r</sup> Order dated 19<sup>th</sup> of March, 1650, made vpon the petic<sup>o</sup>n of Henry Hungate, Esq<sup>re</sup>., yo<sup>w</sup> are pleased to order us Com<sup>rs</sup> for Seq<sup>cons</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> County of Norff. forthw<sup>th</sup> to c<sup>t</sup>ifie to yo<sup>r</sup> hono<sup>rs</sup>. Wherefore Wee haue sequestred the estate in the said peticon mencioned w<sup>th</sup> what else wee know touching The

same ffor answeare whereunto wee crave leave to minde yo<sup>r</sup> of yo<sup>r</sup> L<sup>r</sup>es directed vnto vs of the 30<sup>th</sup> of Januery 1650, Wherein you have named severall persons whose estates have bin discharged from seq<sup>con</sup> vpon severall groundes w<sup>ch</sup> yo<sup>r</sup> doe not admitt of vntill the parties conc<sup>nd</sup> in each particular should appear before yo<sup>r</sup> & make good their severall Claymes & therevpon required vs to cause the rent' of the said estates to be stayed in the hande' of the respective teñts. In y<sup>e</sup> mean tyme According to w<sup>ch</sup> yo<sup>r</sup> Co<sup>m</sup>ands We haue caused the rent' of the estate late of W<sup>m</sup>. Hungate mencioned in the sd peticon (being named in yo<sup>r</sup> said l<sup>r</sup>es for one) to bee stayed in the teñt' hand' w<sup>ch</sup> is the only Cause of there sequestracon thereof since the same was discharged by order of y<sup>e</sup> Co<sup>m</sup>tee of Lord' & Co<sup>m</sup>ons for seq<sup>con</sup>.

Norw<sup>ch</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> of  
Aprill, 1651.

John Ebor, Robert fferney,  
Jo. ffere, Francis Kinge.

Copia vera Ex<sup>r</sup>  
I. Bayly.

To the hon<sup>ble</sup> the Com<sup>rs</sup> for Compounding w<sup>th</sup> delinquents, &c.

The humble petico<sup>n</sup> of Edmond downes and Edmond Spring, Coheires of Robert Hogan, Esq., deceased, under age,

Humbly sheweth.—

That whereas a certaine Mannor called Hañons, with the appurtenances and diuers other Lands in East Bradenham, and townes adiacent in Norfolk, sometimes the fee simple estate of Henry Hogan, father of the said Robert, and lately sequestred for the dilynquency of Liuetennant Colonell Willm Hungate, deceased, is iustly claimed by the said Coheires. And that for the recusancy of the said Edmond downes, his title was by order of the 9<sup>th</sup> of Aprill last referred to M<sup>r</sup>. Reading to state, whose report was read before yo<sup>r</sup> honours the 3<sup>d</sup> July last, with relac<sup>on</sup> of M<sup>r</sup>. Henry Hungate's title (see farr as is knowne to the petico<sup>n</sup>ers) who witholds the same from them to the p<sup>r</sup>iudice of the publiq. And that the title of the Coheires notwithstanding the great power and Court fauour of the Contrary party, was never foyled except in a Suit on a Quare impedit vpon an Aduowzon, and is at this day noted the most iniured title in all that County, as by good testimony is ready to bee shewne. And that M<sup>r</sup>. Hungate haveing had two orders of reference aboue 3 months past, and not yet applied himself to yo<sup>r</sup> Counsell therevpon nor vpon yo<sup>r</sup> honours' last order of the 3<sup>d</sup> July last.

yo<sup>r</sup> peticoners humbly pray yo<sup>r</sup>  
honours' Order to l<sup>i</sup>mit  
him a day c<sup>on</sup>venient whereon  
or before which to haue his title offred  
to yo<sup>r</sup> Counsell to be stated and reported,  
er els that yo<sup>r</sup> honours will please to  
proceed vpon the title of yo<sup>r</sup> petico<sup>n</sup>er.

29 July, 1651.

That if m<sup>r</sup>. Hungate do not  
psecute his report &  
pfect it w<sup>th</sup>in 6 weekes after  
notice y<sup>t</sup> then y<sup>e</sup> former ord<sup>r</sup>  
bee revoked & y<sup>e</sup> sequestracon  
layd on.

And yo<sup>r</sup> petico<sup>n</sup>ers shall ever  
pray for the Co<sup>m</sup>onwalths &  
yo<sup>r</sup> well fares,

Edm. Downes.  
Edmond Spring.



## PEDIGREE OF NELSON OF BRADENHAM.

Rev. Edmund Nelson, Curate of West Bradenham 1718, Rector of East Bradenham 1722, also of Hilborough and Vicar of Sporle with Palgrave. Died 1747, æt. 80.

Mary, da. of John Bland of Cambridge, mar. 1717, at St. Botolph's, Aldersgate, London. Died 4 July, 1789, bur. at Hilborough.

Rev. Edmund Nelson, Rector of Burnham Thorpe and of Hilborough, Vicar of Sporle with Palgrave.

Katherine, da. of Rev. Maurice Suckling, D.D., of Barsham, Suffolk.

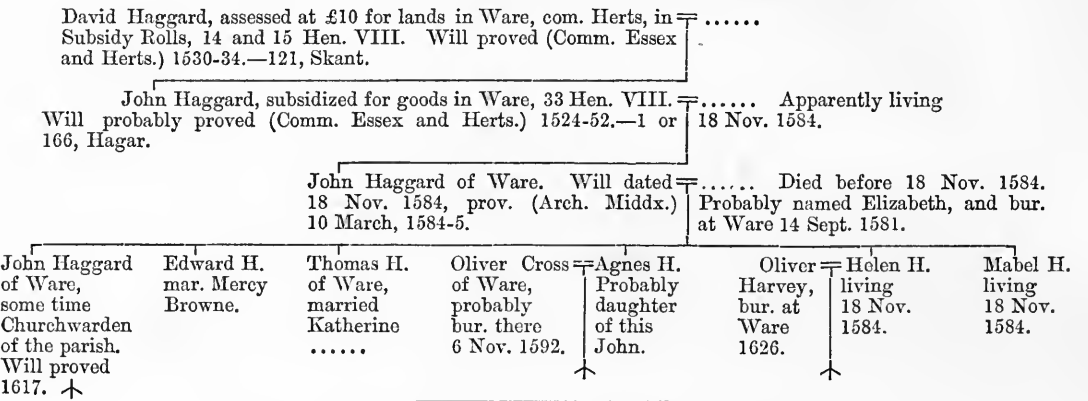
1. Maurice, bn. 1753, mar. Sophia, da. of Theodore Smith. Died 24 April, 1801, s. p.	2. William Nelson, D.D., Prebendary of Canterbury, Baron Nelson of Hilborough, created Viscount Merton of Trafalgar, and Earl Nelson, 1805; and Duke of Bronté in Sicily. Born 1757; died 28 Feb. 1835.	1st, Sarah, da. of Rev. Henry Yonge, Vicar of Great Torrington, Devon, died 13 April, 1828.	2nd, Hilda, da. of Sir Robert Barlow, K.C.B.	3. Horatio, Baron Nelson of the Nile, &c., Viscount Nelson, of whom see Hist. of Eng., killed at Trafalgar 21 Oct. 1805; mar. 1787, Frances Herbert, da. of Wm. Woolimont of St. Nevis, and Relict of Josiah Nisbet, M.D. S. p.	Suckling Nelson, married 5 Aug. 1780, died 10 July, 1813.	Susannah, married 5 Aug. 1780, died 10 July, 1813.	Thomas Bolton, Esq., of Wells, Norfolk, d. 1834.	Catherine, mar. Geo. Matcham, Esq., of Hingham, whose great-granddaughter, Horatia, da. of Major-Gen. Alexander Mc Mahon, is the wife of the Rev. Edward G. A. Winter, now Rector of East Bradenham.
Horatio, Lord Merton, died Jan. 1808, aged 20.	Charlotte Mary, Duchess of Bronté, mar. Samuel Hood, Viscount Bridport.	Thomas (Bolton) Nelson, 2nd Earl Nelson, &c. See <i>Peerage</i> .	Frances Elizabeth, da. and heir of John Maurice Eyre, Esq., of Landford and Brickworth, Wilts; mar. 1821.					
Horatio Nelson, 3rd Earl. See <i>Peerage</i> .	Rev. the Hon. John Horatio, Rector of Shaw-cum-Donnington, Berks. See <i>Peerage</i> .	Hon. Maurice Horatio, Rear-Admiral 1882. See <i>Peerage</i> .	Lady Susanna, mar. Rev. Alexander Colvin Blunt, Rector of Millbrook, Southampton. See <i>Baronetage</i> .					

## ADDENDA TO OGARD PEDIGREE AND NOTES, (ante, p. 94.)

This Pedigree shews, that of the three sons of Andrew Ogard of Emneth and Philippa Paston his wife, the eldest was George, living 1519, who was the heir male of Sir Andrew Ogard, the founder of the family, and probably at first resided at *the Rye*. He is not stated to be married; and for some reason or other, perhaps political, changed his abode. For, upon looking through the Hertfordshire *Feet of Fines*, I find that in the reigns of Edward VI. and Elizabeth portions of the estate were from time to time conveyed to other people, and that in the third year of the latter the castle or mansion-house itself, with the manors and lands held therewith to a large extent, in several parishes, were sold and conveyed to William Frankland of London, clothworker, for £814; and to this fine Johan his wife was a party. In 1559, being then resident at *Ormesby in Norfolk*, he

contracted with another party for the conveyance of a rent in Stansted not included in the former sales. Whether his residence at Ormesby was as owner or tenant does not appear; but one would have supposed that the name would have occurred either in the register of that parish or in one of the registers of wills; but such is not the case, and it must be assumed that he left no successor, unless he can be identified with one Guy Hoggard, a farmer or husbandman in Essex, who made his will there in 1592. In searching for evidence in this direction, the result has been to trace the Haggards of Ware three generations farther back than at page 96, and to identify the family known as Hagger with that of Haggard of Bourne in Cambridgeshire, perfectly distinct from our family.

ADDENDA TO HAGGARD PEDIGREE, p. 96.



ADDENDA AND ERRATA IN HAGGARD PEDIGREE, pp. 98, 99.

Page 98, first line of descent. Add note, "Claudius Amyand was son of Daniel Amyand, Clerk, a French refugee, naturalized 10 October, 1688. He was Rector of Holdenby, and collated a Canon of Peterborough 21 October, 1718.—See Agnew's *Protestant Exiles from France*, p. 237. His eldest son was Claudius, Under Secretary of State temp. George II. His second son, Sir George, left issue Sir George, who assumed the name of Cornwall on marrying the heiress of that family, and is represented by Sir George Amyand Cornwall of Moccas Court, Herefordshire; his elder daughter, Anna Maria, married the Earl of Minto, and his younger daughter, Harriet, married the Earl of Malmesbury. The Rev. Thomas Amyand, Rector of Fawley, married Frances, only child of William Rider, Esq., of the Island of Madeira and of Twickenham, Middlesex.—See 'Agnew,' Index Vol. p. 238."

Third line of descent. For Rev. W. C. Fowle, M.A., "Rector of Brinsnop," read "Vicar of Brinsop."

Ibid. To James Haggard add "of Twickenham, J. P. of Middlesex."

Fourth line of descent. To 1, Amyand Haggard, add "served in the Egyptian campaign of 1882 as Lieut. of H.M.S. 'Eclipse.' Medal and star." See *Royal Naval List*.

Ibid. To 3, Charles Haggard, add "Captain Royal Irish Rifles"; and for "Edm. Selby Smyth" read "Edward."

Ibid. To 4, Claude Mason Haggard, add "Captain R.A." "Served in the Afghan War in 1878-9 with the 'Koorum Valley Field Force,' and was present at the attack and capture of the Peiwar Kotal, and in the engagement at Cherasiab on the 6th October, 1879. Medal with two clasps."—See *Hart, Army List*.

Page 99. First line of descent. To W. H. D. Haggard, add "appointed to Berne, 1869; to Madrid, 1872; Washington, 1874; Teheran, Persia, 1875; Vienna, 1880. Appointed J. P. of the County of Norfolk 1882."

Ibid. The name of wife of Alfred Hinuber Haggard should be Alice "Geraldine" instead of "Caroline." Add at the foot of the notice of her father Vernon Schalch, "C. S. I., Barrister-at-law, of Lincoln's Inn."

Ibid. To John G. Haggard, after the letters "R.N." add "Mr. John G. Haggard, R.N., is appointed Her Majesty's Vice-Consul for Zanzibar, as part of a mission, with three other naval officers, for the suppression of the slave trade by attacking it at its sources on the mainland. Mr. Haggard acted as assistant to Mr. Osborn, the 'Resident' of Zululand, during some of the recent troubles in that country."—Vide "*Times*," Nov. 9, 1883.

Ibid. To Andrew Charles Parker Haggard, add "Major in the Egyptian Army, married at Cairo, 3 May, 1883, Emily Isabella, third surviving daughter of Peter Chirnside, Esq., of Newham, Northumberland."

Ibid. In 6, Henry Rider Haggard, for "Margetson" read "Margitson"; and add after "23 May, 1881," "and Agnes Angela Rider, born 6 Jan. 1883."

Ibid. To 7, Edward Arthur, add "Gentleman Cadet, Royal Military College, Sandhurst."

Second line of descent. Children of Alfred Hinuber Haggard, for "Harry Vernon" read "Vernon Harry," and correct birth of Beatrice Amy to "1 March, 1879."

Third line of descent. Add to Mark Haggard, Clk. "born 10 Oct. 1862."

Ibid. In notice of "Mary Katherine, mar. Maurice C. M. Swabey, &c., &c.," add "Dr. Swabey died 1 Nov. 1883."

On page 84, after the Inscription to William Henry Haggard, add "Thomas Haggard, Esq., 2nd son of the above W. H. Haggard, Esq., Born July 7, 1790; died Dec. 26, 1858." Henry Vachell Haggard should be "eldest" son of John, instead of "second."

## THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY IN EAST BRADENHAM

consists of nave with north and south aisles, chancel, and square tower at the west end, all in the Perpendicular style, about 37 feet in length and 39 feet in breadth. The clerestory on each side is supported by four arches, which rest on somewhat slender octagonal pillars. The east window has Decorated tracery and three lights with stained glass.<sup>1</sup> In the north-east corner of the sanctuary lies an old marble slab, from which a brass has been reaved. Under it some years since the body of a deceased rector was buried. In the south wall is a piscina within a plain arched niche. The priest's door on that side is walled up. There are two windows in each side, of two lights, Perpendicular. Between these on the south is a sumptuous monument of white statuary marble, with cupids, urns, &c., and two busts of a gentleman and lady, the former in a full-bottomed wig, and thus inscribed:—

JOHANNES GREEN Armiger  
Vicecomitis officio apud Norfolciensis  
summa cum laude defunctum Deo  
rationem restitutus ad cælos abiit  
Apr. 28 anno Salutis 1684 ætatis suæ 55  
Tu autem Lector  
Hunc vero Ecclesiæ filium fidelem  
Regis subitum Cleri Bonorumq; omnium  
Amicum omni quoque modo proseguere  
Supremi Judicij memor.

On the upper part, sculptured arms of *Green*<sup>2</sup> only.

On the lower part, Green impaling a chevron engrailed between three talbots passant, *Hungate*.

Black Marble Slabs, with inscriptions to the Hungates, in the Floor within the Altar Rails are covered over by a raised dais on which the Altar (of wood) stands, and so invisible.

## Inscriptions in Chancel Pavement.

Reliquiæ Johanni Green  
Armigeri comitatus Norwicensis  
Dni Justiciarij. In ejus piam  
memoriam non hoc uno contenta  
marmore monumentum ad levum  
posuit ex antiqua Hungatorum  
familia oriunda MARTHA  
maestissima conjux.

*Arms*: Green impaling *Hungate*, the talbots here sejant.

## Also in Chancel Pavement.

On another, arms of Green differenced by a crescent.

Here resteth the body of Joshua  
Greene of East Bradenham, Esq<sup>r</sup>.,  
who died the 9<sup>th</sup> of July An. Dni. 1659.  
Resurgam.

In memory of Sarah, wife of George Townshend of West Wretham in Norfolk, daughter to Joshua Green of East Bradenham, Esq<sup>r</sup>., who died October 16, 1667.

Here lyes the bodyes of five  
children, three sons and two  
daughters of John Greene, Esq<sup>r</sup>.,  
of Braddenham and  
Martha his wife.

## In Stones.

Heere lyeth the body of  
Anne Ireson the wife  
of John Ireson desesed y<sup>e</sup>  
7<sup>th</sup> of July 1661 aged 19  
yeares & 6 monthes.

Beneath this stone are  
deposited the Remains  
of Elizabeth Cooke  
late of Moore Farm in the  
Parish of Ancton  
in the Isle of Wight  
who departed this life  
March the 13<sup>th</sup> 1787  
Aged 71 years.

<sup>1</sup> Inscription below:—"In memoriam Patris Matris et Sororis Henricus S. Adlington hanc fenestram instituit."

<sup>2</sup> Per pale azure and gules, a chevron between three bucks trippant or, but not emblazoned on monument.

A Mural Tablet on the South Wall  
is inscribed

In memory of  
GIBSON LUCAS  
of Shipdham, Esq<sup>r</sup>,  
who departed this life Febry. 14<sup>th</sup> 1758  
In the 72nd year of his age.

This monument  
is erected by his only daughter  
SARAH STRUDWICK  
in grateful remembrance of the deceased.

*Arms* : Per pale argent and or, a lion rampant  
gules, with a sword between the legs, the point in  
the body,—impaling or, a fesse sable between six  
annulets gules, three in chief, three in base.

In memory of  
JOHN STRUDWICK, Esq.,  
who died  
the 6 of Nov. 1771,  
aged 52.  
Also of Sarah his wife  
who died 28<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1772  
aged 53.

In the Nave Pavement towards the  
West End.

In Memory of  
Elizabeth Beck  
who died  
Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> 1801  
Aged 71 years.

Beneath  
this stone are deposited  
the Remains  
of  
William Beck  
He died May 31 1786  
In the 63<sup>rd</sup> year  
of his age  
In him his loving Wife lost  
an affectionate Husband  
His children  
a kind father  
His Friends  
a man of real integrity.

A small square Brass Plate in Pavement is inscribed

Here resteth the body of Bridget  
late the wife of Francies Page  
of Norwich Baker who departed this life  
22 of October 1646.

I have finished my course I have kept  
the faith henceforth there is layd  
up for me a crown of righteousness  
which the Lord the righteous judge  
shall give me in that day.  
2 Timothy 4<sup>th</sup> 7 & 8.

In the churchyard are four monumental crosses, in white stones, to children of the late rector, the Rev. G. R. Winter (now Vicar of Swaffham):—Wilfrid Hugh, 1863. Reginald Lindsey, 1875. Helen, 1880. Francis, 1881.

There is a gallery at the west end under the tower, and adjoining it at the bottom of the south aisle a raised platform over the vault in which the Strudwick family were interred.

There is only one bell in the tower, inscribed "John Draper made me 1620," but there were originally, 6th Edward VI., three. In 1833 the parishioners applied for a faculty to

sell the other two, stating that in consequence of a handsome donation of £50 by the patron and £120 by the rector, the churchwardens had done all the repairs but those to the tower, the expense of which, and the hanging of one bell, would amount to £150. They had three bells, two of which were useless, and Mr. Thomas Hurry had offered to hang the remaining bell and allow them £56 for the two.—*Church Bells of Norfolk*, by John L'Estrange, 1874.

As to the Rectory, Tanner has the following note: "Domesd. Comes Lincolnensis est Patronus ejusdem. Rector habet mansū cum xxx acris terræ. Estimatio illius cum portione de Dunmowe xxij marc'. Procuratio constitutio cum synodalibus xvij*d.* Denar. Sc. Petri iiij*d.*"

Lib. Nig. Scac', 230. "Lic. R̄inæ mort . . . . . man' de E. Bradenham cum advoc Eccl' que Juliana que fuit ux. Walt' de Sturton tenet ad termin. vitæ per Hen. Com. Lincoln. Bur. 239. Quedam Juliane quæ fuit ux. Walteri de Sturton de manerio et advocat ecclie de Bradnam que habuit de assignatione Henrici de Lacy Com. Linc. pro 100*s.* ad term' vitæ, 3 Edw. II."

The Church is dedicated to St. Mary. It consists of nave, with north and south aisles, north porch, chancel, and square tower at the west end. The yearly value of the rectory in the *Valor Ecclesiasticus*, Henry VIII., (from which were deducted synodals to the bishop xvij*d.*, procurations to the archdeacon vijs. vij*d.* ob., and a pension to Skernyng, iiij*d.*, total 9*s.* 5½*d.*, making the clear yearly value £12. 2*s.* 8*d.*), was in tithes and offerings £12. 15*s.* 9½*d.*, Edmund Potter being rector. The rectory has a good residence, and is estimated at the yearly value of £278.

#### EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS.

These Registers do not go farther back than 1695. The earliest book extant is intituled "A Register of all Births, Marriages, and Buryalls in the parish of East Bradenham, from May the first in the yeare of o<sup>r</sup> Lord 1695, pursuant to an Act of Parliament made in the sixth and seventh yeares of King William the Third, intituled an Act for granting to his Ma<sup>y</sup>. certain rates & duties upon marriages, births, & burialls, and upon Batchelors & widow<sup>rs</sup> for the Terme of five yeares, &c.," and only occupies eight pages. The first entry is

Sarah, the daughter of John Rawling, Junr., & Sarah his wife, was born June 17th, 1695.

Barrow Girling born Nov. 27th, 1698.

Elizabeth, ye daughter of Robt. Girling & Judith his wife, born Oct. 27th, 1701.

Mary Anne, ye daughter of Wm. Trundle & Anne his wife, born June 7th, 1702.

Catherine, ye daughter of Edmd. Beaghan, Esqr., and Catherine his wife, was born July 18th, 1702.

Edmund Hungate, ye son of Edmd. Beaghan, Gent., and Catharine his wife, born Oct. 13th, 1703.

Frances, ye daughter of Robt. Girling, Farmer, born Dec. 20th, 1703.

Samuel, ye son of Matth. Jessop, was born Octob. 27th, 1704.

Elizabeth, ye daughter of Barth. Crisp, born Dec. 8th, 1704.

Peter, ye son of Edmund Beaghan, Gent., was born Dec. 17th, 1704.

Frances, ye daughter of William Trendle, Butcher, Jan. 10th, 1704.

*Burialls.*

Mary, daughter of Wm. Trundle & Anne his wife, was buried June 1st, 1695.—4*d*.

John Rudd, senr., was buried Aug. 4th, 1696.

Elizabeth, the wife of John Palfryman, senior, Oct. 31st, 1696.

Sarah Clements, buried Aug. 4th, 1699.

Mrs. Mary Hamond, widow, buried Jan. 7th, 1699.

Mrs. Mary Jessop, wid., Dec. 6th, 1701.

Valentine Cruger, Gent., late of Upwell, was buried July 26th, 1702.

The Duty was p<sup>d</sup> to o<sup>r</sup> collect<sup>rs</sup>, viz., 1<sup>l</sup>. 4<sup>s</sup>. 0<sup>d</sup>.

Mrs. Dorothy Kennett, wid., Dec. 22th, 1704.

Samuel, ye son of Matth. Jessop, Phys., Jan. 7th, 1704.

Mary, ye wife of Mr. Rich. Hamond, buried Aug. 23th, 1705.

Mary, ye daughter of Matth. Jessop, and Elizab. his wife, was buried April ye 2nd, 1707.

1732. Thomasin, d. of E. Nelson, Clk., & Mary, Sept. 4.

[Other names not before mentioned: Buscall, Cranmer, Cook, Craffer, Dale, Fisher, Gent, George, Leeds, Leggatt, Murrell, Palmer, Pratt, Rennels (for Reynolds), Tooke, Whitby.]

*Marryed, 1714.*

William Clemence and Mary Shene of Little Fransham, both single persons, were married Sept. 16th, 1714.

John Tillot of Hempnal & Susan Spragge of this parish, both single persons, Jan. 1st, 1716.

Gibson Lucas of East Dereham & Rachel Press of this parish, both single persons, Mar. 3rd, 1717.

That these are true coppys taken from papers left by Mr. Needham, late Curate, witness our hands, Edm. Nelson, Curate, Matt. Clements, Churchwarden.

*Burials, 1714.*

Judith, ye daughter of Robert Girling & Judith his wife, was buried Oct. 21st, 1719 [1714?]

Jackler, son of Thomas and Anne Trendle, Apr. 8th, 1717.

Isaac, a base child and son of Margaret Chilverhouse, buried Oct. 16th, 1720.

Thomas, son of Tho. and Ann Trendle, July 21st, 1721.

Judith, ye wife of Robert Girling, March 14th, 1722.

Edmund Beaghan, Esq., was buried Jany. 18th, 1724.

Peter Beaghan, Gent., was buried March 1st, 1724.

Richard Jessop of St. Ives in Huntingdonshire, April 30, 1727.

1728. Martha, daughter of Ed. Nelson, clerk, and Mary, Sept. 30, aff.

1729. Robert Girling, Oct. 23 (affidav. made 24.)

1731. John, son of Gibson Lucas, Gent., of Shipdham, and Rachel his wife, April 2, 1731, aff. ditto.

1732. Elizabeth, daughter of Gibson Lucas, Gentleman, & Rachel, January 3, aff. made.

July 19, 1733. Prim. Visit. of ye Rt. Rev. Father in God Robt. L. Bishop of Norwich, at Lynn.

1736-7. Ann, dr. of Thos. and Jane Holland, Mar. 20.

Ann, daughtr. of Gibson & Rachel Lucas, Feb. 4.

1738. Geo. Crofts, bur. Aug. 21.

1739. Riches Girling of Shipdham, bur. 10br. 11.

Mrs. Cath. Beaghan, June 4.

1742. Eliz., dr. of Joshua & Cath. Crofts, June 4.

1743. Mathew, son of Thos. & Jane Holland, 7br 7.

1745. Francis, son of       ,,       ,,       Feb. 28

1750. Richd. Gay Lucas, son of Gibson Lucas, Esq., and Rachel his wife, May 14.  
 1755. Geo. Childerhouse, Mar. 22.  
 Prisca, wife of Geo. Childerhouse, Ap. 5.  
 1757. Rachel Lucas, 7br 4.

*Marriages, 1730 to 1739.*

1734. John Blumfield and Elizabeth Nicolson, both single, from East Dereham, Jan. 12.

*Christnings, 1733 to 1751.*

1739. Ann, d. of Hen. & Prudence Mason, bap. 8br 16.  
 Thos. son of Thos. & Jane Holland, Mar. 31.  
 1743. Mathew, son of „ „ July 20.  
 1744. Wm., son of „ „ Mar. 4.  
 1745. Francis, son of „ „ Feb. 16 (or 10).  
 1747. Mary Bulwer of Market Dereham, July 16.  
 Joshua, son of Joshua and Cath. Crofts, Aug. 3.

*Marriages, from 1739.*

1741. Stephen Frost, single man, of the Parish of Langham, and Sarah Nelson, single woman, of Scarning Parish, were married by License July 16.  
 1744. James Sanicroft & Frances Bowen, both single, of the Parish of Carbrook, June 13.  
 1746. James Cook and Amy Spelman, both single, of Market Dereham, July 29.  
 John Garnham and Susanna Grigson, both single, of Mawley, by Licence, Jan. 7.

[Other names occurring in the above decade: Ash, Balls, Bennett, Carman, Cobbs, Cockin, Cousins, Cozens or Cosen, Chilvers or Chilverhouse, Daws, Dixon, Frances, Gibson, Gladly, Kennett, Mitchell, Norman, Oldman, Peck, Perkins, Presse, Renolds, Skinner, Sawyer.]

[Not another entry of a marriage since 1740 in this book.]

[The next book is without any heading, the first entry being]:—

John, the son of Matthew Clements & Sarah his wife, was Baptised Nov. 10th, 1714.

Frances, daughter of Edmund Beaghan, Esq., & Catherine his wife, bapt. Dec. 29th, 1714 or 1715 [?]

That these are true coppyes, taken from Paper left by Mr. Needham, late Curate, witness our hands,  
 Ed. Nelson, Curate, Matt. Clements, Churchwarden.

Matthew Mark, son of Matthew Clements & Sarah his wife, bapt. May 23, 1716.

Samuel, son of same, Nov. 6, 1717.

William, son of Thomas Clemence and Mary his wife, Feb. 22, 1718.

Samuel, son of Matthew & Sarah, June 22, 1719.

Thomas Bland, ye son of Edmund Nelson, clerk, & Mary his wife, was baptised Octobr. ye 2d, 1719.

Thomas, son of Thomas and Mary Clemence, Jan. 18, 1720.

Sarah, dr. of Matthew & Sarah Clements, Feb. 24, 1720.

1723. Edmund, the son of Edmd. Nelson, clerk, & Mary his wife, was born 19th, 1722, & baptised March 29, 1723.

Samuel, ye son of Matthew & Sarah Clements, was bapt. 17 July, 1725. N.B.—Ye child at the font was called William Samuel.

1726. Martha, dr. of Edmund Nelson, clk. & Mary, May 23.

1727. Frances Girling, a base child, daughter of Mary Taylor, 23 June.

[Several other baptisms of children of Matthew Clements and of Thomas Clemence.]

1730. Alice Bland, dr. of E. Nelson, Clk., & Mary, April 7th.  
 1747. Thos. Farrer of Warham & Mary Bulwer of Market Dereham, both single, by Licence, July 16.  
 1748. David Long of Shipdham, widower, & Hannah Denn of same Parish, single woman, by Licence, Nov. 6.  
 1749. Hen. Farrer of Bittering, single man, & Mary Whiteman of Ashill, single woman, by Licence, 7br 21.  
 James Colthorp of Hetherset & Mary Cobbs of East Bradenham, both single, by Banns, 8br.  
 1752. Thos. Trendle of West Bradenham & Eliz. Hopkins of same Parish, both single, by Licence, 7br 27.  
 John Wigg of East Dereham, single man, & Ann Cooper of Shipdham, single woman, by Licence, 8br 31.

[Many more marriages between non-residents than parishioners during this period.]

1751. Francis, son of John & Frances Secker, bap. 7br 27.  
 Visitn. at Thetford June 8.  
 1755. Mary, daughtr. of John & Mary Hammond, bap. May 10.  
 Wm. son of Bales and Anna Maria Rust, bap. 7br 4.  
 1756. Easter Genl. Apr. 29. J. Crofts, Rectr.  
 Robt., son of Robt. & Ann Girling, bap. Aug. 14.  
 1758. [Only two baptisms this year.]  
 1759. [Same.]  
 1760. Thos., son of Bales & Hanna Rust, bap. May 14.  
 1763. Wm., son of Wm. & Ann Girling, bap. 8br 9.  
 1764. Eliz., daughtr. of Bales & Hannah Rust, bap. Aug. 9.  
 1765. Eliz., daughtr. of Wm. & Ann Girling „ Jan. 24.  
 Francis, son of Edwd. & Ann Holland „ Feb. 25.  
 1766. Pleasance, dr. of Bales & Hannah Rust „ July 3.  
 Christopher, son of Wm. & Ann Girling „ July 18.  
 John, son of John and Mary Mason „ 8br 28.  
 1767. Mary, dr. of James & Ann Hammond „ Feb. 23.  
 1768. Mary, dr. of „ „ „ Feb. 23.  
 Sarah, dr. of „ „ „ May 20.  
 1765. Alice Rust, bur. Jan 3.  
 Mrs. Amy Francklin, widow, bur. July 8.  
 1766. Christopher, son of Wm. & Ann Girling, bur. Aug. 31.  
 1767. Pleasance, dr. of Bales & Hannah Rust, bap. 8br 17.  
 Frances, dr. of John & Mary Mason, bap. 8br 13.

[On fly-leaf at beginning of book]:—

E. Nelson, A.M., inducted 16 April, 1722, resigned Febru. 18, 1734.

[On last page]:—

“ March 28, 1733.

“ We whose names are under written, the Minister, Churchwarden, Overseers, Constable, & Chief Inhabitants of ye Parish of East Bradenham, having taken into consideration ye smallness of the Parish Clerk's Fees, and also ye great trouble and difficulty he always meets with in collecting ye same, have unanimously agreed to allow him forty shillings p̄ ann. to be paid quarterly by ye Churchwardens for ye time being, & to be placed to ye cost of their disbursm<sup>t</sup> & collected by Rate,—the Parish Clerk (for ye time being) disclaiming & revoking all antient customs or Fees wch have been heretofore pd. by any of ye Parishioners, excepting such as are not chargeable in ye Parish Rate.—E. Nelson, Rect. ; William Clemence, Churchwarden ; Henry Childerhous, Will. Dent, Overseers ; Matthew Dent, Constable ; Matt. Clements, Wm. Craffer, Barrow Revants, Chief Inhabitants. The marks of Thos. Pratt, M. Cook, K. Hart.”



[On inside of cover]:—

Memor. Joshua Crofts instituted & inducted into ye Rectory of East Bradenham ye 12 of July, 1735.  
Ld. Bp. Gouches prim. Visitn. at Thetford July; at Lynn July 4, 1740.

[Previous to 1723 the foot of each page is signed by Edm. Nelson as *Curate*, afterwards as Rector. After 1734 no signatures.]

The next book begins in 1768 with Baptisms, but without any introduction.

- 1770. Michael, son of Geo. & Eliz. Thruston, bap. Mar. 3.  
Frances, dr. of Lydia Girling, base born, bap. July 20.
- 1771. Mary, dr. of John and Mary Mason, bap. Jan. 13.
- 1768. Mat. Clements, bur. 9br 6.
- 1769. Hannah, wife of Balse Rust, bur. 9br 29.
- 1770. Edmund Strudwick, Esq., bur. 9br 13.
- 1771. Miss Catharine Strudwick bur. July 23.  
Mrs. Sarah Strudwick, widow, bur. 9br 5.
- 1775. Thos. Barkham of Wendlin bur. June 17.
- 1772. John Borlase Warren, son of David & Eliz. Lockwood, bap. July 21.
- 1773. John, son of John & Mary Mason, bap. 10br 23.
- 1776. William son of „ „ bap. June 29.
- 1778. Ann, daughter of Jerimiah and Mary Pratt, bap. March the seventh.
- 1781. Dec. 30, Dorothy, d. of Francis & Dorothy Secker.

After some blank pages: "An Act of Parliament for granting to his Majesty a stamp duty of threepence on the Registry of each Burial, Marriage, Birth, or Churching (Paupers or those who take relief of the Parish excepted) took place the second day of October, 1783."

- 1784. July 29, Robert, son of John Mason & Mary his wife (late Mary Secker, spinster.) Duty paid.
- 1785. Charlotte, daughter of Robert Grice and Sarah his wife (late Sarah Reynolds, spinster) was bap. privately Jany. 9th. Duty paid. B. Crofts, Curate.
- 1786. Jan. 16, Mary, daughter of John & Lorina Heyhoe of Mattishall, was publickly baptized, aged twenty-one years.
- Mar. 26, Henry, son of Henry Rising of Weston and Elizabeth Gooch, an infant, was baptized.
- Dec. 29, Elizabeth Cooke Beck, dr. of Anthony & Mary his wife, late Mary Cooke, spinster, of the Parish of Arrerton in the Isle of Wight, aged two years, was bap.
- Dec. 29, Mary, dr. of Anthony Beck & Mary his wife, (late Mary Cooke, &c.) an Infant.
- Entered on the Cure of East Bradenham Sept. 4, 1785. Ch. Topping.

[The baptismal entries after that date to July 26 are repeated.]

Received Mar. 2d, 1787, of Revd. Mr. Chas. Topping the sum of 3s. 7½d. for Duty on Births, Burials, &c., in the Parish of East Bradenham from 1st Octr. 1785, to 1st Octr. 1786. W. Barker for J. Gay, Jun., Esq.

- 1787. Sep. 30, Henry, s. of Francis & Amey Secker, pauper. Duty pd. to Barker.
- Funerals, 1787. Mar. 17, Elizabeth Cooke, widow, late of Arretton in the Isle of Wight, aged 71 years.  
Ap. 23, Thomas Thurston, aged 15 years, a pauper. Duty paid to Barker.  
Nov. 25, Thomas Burcham, Bachelor, aged 24 years.
- 1790. John Palmer from Cherry Marham, aged 39, was burd. Jan. 22, 1790. Duty paid.  
James Basey, aged 23 years, whoes death was occasioned by a fall from a waggon at East Tuddenham. (Date of month not entered.)

[Duties paid to Mr. B. Crofts, who was to be answerable for them to Dec. 31, 1791.]

[Many blank leaves without an entry until 1782.]

1783. Catherine Crofts, widow of the above Rector, was buried the third of December, 1783.

1784. Mar. 8, John Mason, a Pauper aged 40, was buried.

[No more entries in this book, except at the end in reverse, a few entries of burials in 1784 and 1785, and a receipt for duty of 9*d.* in 1784.]

1785. June 4, William Beck, Farmer, aged 63, buried.

1788. Edward, son of Anthony Beck and Mary, &c., born August 9th, and baptised privately Aug. 17th. Duty paid.

Anthony Beck and Edward Beck, sons of Anthony and Mary, bapt. Dec. 9th.

1790. John, son of Anthony Beck & Mary, &c., Jan 10th, privately.

[There is the statutory register of marriages in the years 1754—1773, and of banns during the same period, but they contain nothing worth extracting.]

William Girling and Ann Childerhouse were married 3d Nov., 1760, by Banns.

Benj. Norris of Holme Hale and Eliz. Hickling, by Licence, 10 Jan., 1764.

John Girling of Dereham & Diana Childerhouse of this Parish, both single, by Licence, 25 Sept., 1764.

John Mason, single, & Mary Secker, Spr., by Banns, 14 April, 1766.

[And another in a different form, both of Banns and Marriages, 1774 to 1810.]

[The name of Benj. Crofts appears as Curate in 1780 and 1790; of Joseph Lane, Minister, 1788; of St. John Priest, Curate, 1793-4; of John Beevor, Curate, 1794—98; of Jas. Morgan, Curate, 1798—1802; of James Bentham, Minister, and Saml. Leggatt, Curate in 1803—1806; of Edward Swatman, Curate in 1806—8; of James Bentham, Minister, 1808—1814; Levi Walton, Curate, 1815—1823.]

[Another form, from 1774 to 1810, is filled up and signed by the married parties.]

Bales Rust, widower, and Elizabeth Hye, widow, 11 Oct., 1774.

John Guyton, s. m., & Henrietta Cory, s. w., by Banns, 8 Dec., 1779.

Francis Secker, s. m., and Anna Payne, s. w., by Banns, 8 March, 1780.

1784. Receipts for the duty on marriages.

William Etheridge, s. m., & Mary Robertson, s. w., mard. by Banns, 9th Oct., 1797.

Robert Watts of West Bradenham, widr., & Lydia Coble, wid., by Licence, 26 July, 1804.

[The last entry being 11 Feb., 1812.]

[The Register of Baptisms and Burials, 1791 to 1813, is on parchment.]

Thomas, son of Anthony & Mary Beck (late Cooke) privately bapt. Jan. 29, 1792.

Thomas, son of same, born Aug. 4, privately bapt. Aug. 11, 1793.

Joseph, son of same, born Jan. 31, privately bapt. Feb. 15, 1795.

Mary, the dau. of William and Mary Etheredge, late Robinson, spr., born Dec. 24, 1797, bapt. Jan. 7, 1798.

John, son of William & Mary Etheridge, born 23 Nov., bapt. and received into Church 30 Dec. 1798.

James, the son of same, born the 11th & bapt. the 22 of June, 1800.

Thomas, son of same, born 23 & bapt. 25 Oct., 1801.

Frances, daughter of same, born 7th, bapt. 10 Apl. 1803.

Phebe, daughter of same, April 22, „ privately, 1804.

Phebe, da. „ „ May 12, 1805.

- Elizabeth, dr. of George & Rebecca Watts, bapt. Sept. 1, 1805.  
 Robert, son of William & Mary Utridge (late Robinson) bapt. June 16, 1806.  
 1808. Watts John, son of George & Rebekah, born June 26, bapt. July 3.  
 1809. Etteridge Robert, son of Wm. & Mary, late Robinson, born Jan. 27, bapt. Jan. 29.  
 1810. Etteridge Jane, d. of William and Mary, bapt. March 25.  
 1811. Etteridge Robert, s. „ „ bapt. April 7.  
 1812. Etteridge Robert „ „ bapt. June 21.

[The burials are entered in the same book, beginning at the other end, reversed.]

1792. Beck Thomas, son of Anthony and Mary, &c., died Sept. 20th, and was buried Sept. 23rd.  
 1794. Beck Joseph, son of Anthony & Mary, &c., died April 21, buried April 24.  
 1796. Secker Dorothy, dr. of Francis & Amy (late Payne), died June 4th, bur. June 7th.  
 1797. Beck Thomas, son of Anthony & Mary, &c., died Feby. 4th, buried Feb. 8.  
       Joseph, son of same, died May 10th, bur. May 11th.  
 1799. Beck Thomas, son of same, died Jan. 29th, buried 9 Feb.  
 1800. Jane, wife of James Worship, died 19th, bur. 22 Aug.  
 1801. Elizth. Beck, widow of Willm. Beck, died 26th Dec., buried 30th Dec.  
 1806. Robert, infant son of William and Mary Etheridge, buried Oct. 4.  
 1808. Secker Francis, married man, aged about 56 years, was burd. Aug. 29.  
 1809. Etteridge Robert, s. of William and Mary, burd. Aug. 8th.  
 1810. Etheridge Jane, d. of William & Mary, buried Oct. 10.  
 1811. Etterich Robert, s. of William & Mary, &c., burd. Sept. 1, inft.  
 1812. Etteridge Robert „ „ „ „ Nov. 9.

[The several pages bear in succession, the signatures of St. John Priest, curate, Jas. Morgan, curate, Edwd. Swatman, curate, and James Bentham, minister.]

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The entire area of the parish is 2340 acres, assessed at the rateable value of £3,633. In 1871 the population was 380.

At the election for the county in 1734 five voters were resident in East Bradenham, but only one of them voted for freehold in the parish. At that in 1768 two resident freeholders only voted.

East Bradenham Hall was a red brick Elizabethan mansion, of which a gable is standing with the arms of that queen, in moulded brickwork, in good preservation.

## Necton.

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**I**T has already been noticed that Ralf de Toeni's manor of NECTON extended into Bradenham; I therefore devote a few paragraphs to the history of that manor and its possessors. Roger de Toeni died seized of it in the 48th Henry III., and was succeeded by his son Ralf. Roger was the son of another Ralf, his mother being Petronilla, daughter and coheir of Thomas de Malmain, and married secondly William St. Omer, Roger being a minor in ward to Humphrey de Bohun, Earl of Essex and Hereford. Ralf, the son, who was twenty-two years old at his father's death, 5th Edward I., claimed free warren, view of frankpledge, assize of bread and beer, gallows, &c., in Necton. His wife's name was Clarissa, which is all we know of her.<sup>1</sup> Robert de Toeni, son of the last Ralf, was of full age in 25th Edward I.,<sup>2</sup> and had livery in that year. His wife was Maud, daughter of the Count of Strathern in Scotland; but he died without issue in 1309, whereupon his inheritance devolved upon his sister Alice, (then the wife of Guy de Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick) who had previously been married to Sir Thomas de Leyburne, and was married thirdly to William de la Zouche. By her first husband she had a daughter and only child, who married first Sir John Hastings of Elsing, secondly Sir Thomas Blount, and thirdly Sir William de Clinton. But she did not inherit Necton, which, under some settlement not on record, became vested in the Beauchamp family; and accordingly, upon the death of Maud, widow of Robert de Toeni, who held Necton in dower, and was living in 1335, Guy de Beauchamp, eldest son of Thomas, Earl of Warwick, died seized of the reversion, and with that Earldom it descended to the Nevilles, in whom it remained until the attainder of Richard the King-maker, when it was forfeited to the Crown, and was granted by Queen Mary I. to her beloved and faithful counsellor Sir Henry Bedingfeld of Oxburgh, as part of the possessions called Warwick lands, with the wood called Necton Wood and Park, and other manors, for certain considerations there expressed.

It would be superfluous to give the Pedigree of Bedingfeld of Oxburgh, and I will only say that by an inquisition taken at Swaffham on 30th July, Ao. 32 Elizabeth (1590),

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<sup>1</sup> Radulfus de Tony de Neketon et Clarissa ux. pro terris ibm.—Fines Norff. 24th Edward I., n. 132. Plac. Coronæ, Norw., in dorso.

<sup>2</sup> Rex concessit Petronille que fuit ux. Radi de Toyny ad firmam usque ad leg. etat. ipius Rad' . . . . manerium de Neketun.—Fin. Rot. 25th Henry III., 1241.

it was found that Thomas Bedingfeld, Esq., (who was son and heir of Edmund Bedingfeld, Esq., deceased) died on the 9th April in that year, seized, with Oxburgh, of the manor of Necton, alias Neyton, &c., and that Henry Bedingfeld, his only surviving son and heir, was of the age of three years ten months and eighteen days at the time of his father's death. The will of Thomas was dated on the 3rd of the same month. Moreover, that Edmund Bedingfeld, the father, was seized in tail to himself and the heirs male of Sir Henry Bedingfeld, Bart., (the deceased father of him said Edmund) with remainder in default of such issue to Humfrey Bedingfeld, Esq., son and heir of John Bedingfeld, Esq., deceased, and his heirs male; and ultimate remainder to the right heirs of said Henry. The last-named Sir Henry, who was some time under the guardianship of Henry Jerningham of Cossey, had two wives; firstly, Mary, daughter of Lord William Howard of Naworth, by whom he had issue Colonel Thomas Bedingfeld; secondly, Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of Peter Houghton of Houghton Tower, co. Lancaster, Esq., of whom were issue five sons and six daughters.

By an indenture dated 25th February, Ao. 1st Car. I., made between Sir Henry Bedingfeld of Oxburgh, Knt., and Thomas Bedingfeld, Esq., his son and heir apparent, of the first part; the Right Hon. Lord William Howard of the second part; and Sir Basil Brook of Madeley Court, co. Salop, Knt., John Beaumont of Grace Dieu, co. Leicester, Esq., and Gregory Gawsell of Watlington, Norf., Gent., of the third part; being a settlement made in consideration of a marriage had between said Thomas Bedingfeld and Mary Brooksby, (youngest daughter of William Brooksby, Esq.) referring to another indenture made 8th November, 5th Jac., to which Sir Henry and Thomas Bedingfeld, Lord William Howard, Sir Basil Brook, John Beaumont, and Sir George Shirley were parties; it was covenanted to levy a fine of the manors of Oxbrough alias Oxburgh Hall, &c., . . . . Necton alias Neighton, Uphall, Collards Games, Swanton Morley, &c., . . . . the Hundred of South Greenhoe; and all other, &c. As to Necton alias Neighton, &c. (except the park and inclosed grounds, called Necton Park, alias Neighton Park) to the successive uses of Sir Henry for life, Thomas for life, Mary Brooksby for life, and the issue of Thomas in tail male; remainder to Henry Bedingfeld, second son of Sir Henry, and his issue in tail male; remainders to Edmund Bedingfeld, third son, &c., to William Bedingfeld, fourth son, &c., to John Bedingfeld, fifth son, &c., and ultimately to the heirs male of the body of Sir Henry Bedingfeld, Knt., deceased, great-grandfather of Sir Henry the party. Thomas was then under twenty-two, and Dame Elizabeth, then wife of Sir Henry, was living. Necton Park was to go to the same uses as Oxburgh and the Hundred of South Greenhoe. The fine was levied accordingly in Easter Term, 2nd Car. I., 1626. Sir Henry Bedingfeld, the father of Thomas, died 22nd November, 1657, aged seventy years and six months, and was buried at Oxburgh. Thomas himself did not survive many years, and was buried at Oxburgh 27th April, 1665. Dying without issue, he was succeeded by his half-brother Henry. Sir Henry, the father, was a staunch Royalist, and fought for his King at the time of the great rebellion.

A MS. in the Ipswich Museum contains the following memorandum: "By an ordinance

of the late usurping Parliament, made ann. 1651,<sup>1</sup> the whole estate of Sir Henry Bedingfeld was ordered to be sold; and in 1652, Anthony Bedingfeld, Esq., and others, did accordingly contract with these masters appointed by the said Act, for the several manors following, viz., Mr. Anthony Bedingfeld for (inter alia) the manor of Necton, £4560. 19s. 3d."

Anthony Bedingfeld appears to have been the fifth son of Sir Edmund Bedingfeld and Grace his wife. He resided at Holme Hale, and married Elizabeth, daughter and coheir to Ralph Daniel of Swaffham, Gent., and had four sons,—Laurence, Eustace, William, and Edmund, and five daughters,—Mary, Grace, Amy, Elizabeth, and Christian. I assume that he became the purchaser to preserve the estate in the family, and never disturbed his cousin Sir Henry in the possession of it. After the Restoration Sir Henry is stated to have appealed in vain to the King and Government for compensation for the losses his loyalty had brought upon him, but in 1660 he was created a Baronet.

By an indenture made in that year between Sir Henry the elder, Baronet, and Dame

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<sup>1</sup> This was "An Act for the sale of several Lands and Estates forfeited to the Commonwealth for Treason." Reciting that whereas the estates of several noblemen and gentlemen named, and, amongst them, "Sir Henry Bedingfeld of . . . . in the county of Norfolk, have been and are hereby declared to be justly forfeited by their several treasons against the Parliament and People of England: Be it therefore enacted, and it is enacted by this present Parliament and the authority thereof, that all the manors, lands, tenements, and hereditaments, with their and every of their appurtenances which they the said [repeating names] or any of them, or any for their use or in trust for any of them, were seized or possessed of, in possession, reversion, or remainder, on the 20th day of May, 1642, or at any time since, and all rights of entry in or to the said manors, &c., which they or any of them had on the 20th day of May, 1642, or at any time since, Be and are hereby vested, settled, adjudged and deemed to be and are hereby in the real and actual possession and seizin of William Skinner [and six others named] Esquires and the survivors, &c., and their heirs and assigns; and that they, &c., shall hold all and every part and parcel of the said premises of the manor of East Greenwich in free and common soccage by fealty only, and by no other tenure or service whatsoever: Nevertheless upon Trust and confidence that the said William Skinner and other the persons aforementioned or any five or more of them shall have, hold, and enjoy all and singular the premises and any of them, subject to such trust and uses as by this Act or in and by authority of Parliament shall be hereafter directed and appointed, and shall dispose of the same accordingly, Saving to all and every person and persons, bodies politique and corporate, their heirs, successors, &c., and every of them, other than the said [names repeated] or any of them and all others claiming or to claim by, from, or under them or any of them, or to the use of or in trust for them or any of them since the 20th day of May, 1642, and other than the rights and title of Dower of the respective wife and wives of them or any of them, All such estates, interests, rents, incumbrances, charges, rights in law or equity, which they or any of them had or ought to have had in or to the said manors, &c., before the said 20th day of May, 1642: As also all and every the estates and interests given, granted, &c., by any act, order, or ordinance of Parliament or lawful authority derived from them unto any person or persons, body politique or corporate, who have constantly adhered and been faithful unto this Parliament, and whose estates have not otherwise been revoked or altered by this Parliament: If such person, &c., do make his or their right, title, &c., appear, or shall obtain an allowance thereof before [several persons named] or any five or more of them, who are hereby constituted a Committee for removing obstructions in the sale of the said lands, and may execute all and every the powers and authorities formerly granted by any act or ordinance of this present Parliament to any Committee for removing obstructions, &c. And they or any five or more of them are hereby constituted and appointed a Committee to receive and claim in writing and to examine, allow, adjudge, and determine the same by such proof upon oath which the said Committee are hereby impowered to administer, or by such other ways and means as shall be required and approved of by them, &c., at or before the first of December, A.D. 1651, whose judgement and determination shall by authority of this present Parliament stand

Margaret his wife, and Sir Henry Bedingfeld the younger, Knight, son and heir apparent, &c., of the first part; the Right Hon. Charles, Lord Howard of Charleton and Viscount Andover, and the Hon. Anne Howard, sole daughter and heir apparent of said Lord Howard, and Robert Godfrey of the Inner Temple, Gent., second part; Ralph Shelton, Esq., John Osbaldson, Esq., and Richard Stevens, Gent., third part.; and Edmund Bedingfeld, William Bedingfeld, and John Bedingfeld, Gentlemen, brothers of said Sir Henry, sen., fourth part, in consideration of intended marriage between Sir Henry the younger and Ann Howard, a fine was covenanted to be levied and a recovery suffered of the Oxburgh estate and of Necton Park in Necton, in the occupation of William Bedingfeld, Gent., to be settled in tail, first to Henry Bedingfeld, jun., for ninety-nine years; secondly to Anne Howard for life, thirdly to their issue in special tail male; fourthly to Sir Henry the younger in tail male general; remainder to John, Edmund, and William in tail successively. Mary

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confirmed and good . . . . . which said Judgement, &c., shall be and may be transmitted by them, &c., to the Trustees in this Act named, &c. And the said Committee shall and may allow all incident charges for the necessary carrying on of the said service. And for the better encouragement and security of such person or persons as shall be purchasers of the said Lands, Be it enacted, ordained, and declared, by the authority aforesaid, that the said William Skinner and others, &c., as Trustees . . . . . shall stand and be seized of all and singular the said premises vested and settled in them and their heirs (excepting Rectories, impropriate Parsonages, impropriate tythes, composition for tythes, portions of tythes, donatives, oblations, obventions, and rents issuing out of tythes) until the estate and conveyance thereof shall be made unto any person, &c., as shall be purchaser or purchasers thereof . . . . . for the paying and satisfying the respective lenders within this Act, and unto such further use and uses as shall be declared by Parliament. [Power to appoint surveyors, and 'Instructions for the surveyors.'] Also authority for the surveyors to demand, require, receive and put in safe custody the charters, deeds, books, accounts, rolls, writings and evidences that concern the premises, and other Powers. And that the said William Skinner, &c., shall have power to treat and agree with any person, &c., for the sale of the premises upon such Particular or Certificate and value as shall be delivered in unto them under the hand of Register or his deputy, Provided that the Trustees shall not treat with any person, &c., other than the immediate tenant or tenants of the said Delinquent's lands for the respective lands, &c., for the space of thirty days to be accmpted from the return of the survey. And in case such tenant or tenants do not agree, &c., within the said thirty days, that then the trustees may proceed to the sale thereof to any person, &c. And that the Trustees shall not sell any of the lands, &c., of the said Traytors in possession under ten years' purchase, nor a reversion upon a lease for one life under five years' purchase, nor a reversion upon a lease for one and twenty years under two years and an half purchase . . . ." "Instructions for the Trustees." "Instructions to be observed by the Register." There are many other clauses and instructions, including one that "the Parliament do find it necessary to raise a considerable sum of money for the necessary carrying on the services of this commonwealth." "That the sum of £250,000 shall be borrowed upon the security of the lands of the said Traytors by way of doubling the like sum." And rules and instructions for doubling of money are referred to as contained in the several Acts of Parliament for the sale of Dean and Chapters' lands. There are also certain saving clauses excepting specified properties from the provisions of the Act.

"Wednesday the 16th of July 1651 ordered by the Parliament That this Act be forthwith printed and published. Hen. Scobell, Clerici Parliamenti."

This Act will form a precedent for Mr. Gladstone when he shall become Protector, or President of the Republic, to the establishment of which his policy and the pressure of some of his colleagues is leading.

In the following year an additional Act was passed for sale of several lands and estates forfeited to the Commonwealth for Treason, including those of Richard Anguish of Scarning, John Parris of Pudding Norton, and a few other Norfolk gentlemen.

Refer to the proceedings in relation to the Hungate estate in East Bradenham, ante p. 114.

Bedingfeld, the widow and relict of Thomas Bedingfeld, late of Oxburgh, deceased, and brother of Sir Henry the elder, was then living. A fine was levied accordingly in Michaelmas Term, Ao. Car. II.

On 18th Jan., 1710, Sir Henry Bedingfeld of Oxburgh, Bart., executed a deed to lead the uses of a recovery of the manors of Oxburgh, &c., Huggleford in Pickenham, and Necton Park, late in the tenure of William Bedingfeld, Gent. The uses were to Sir Henry for life, and as he should appoint by will, and, so subject, to Henry Bedingfeld, Esq., eldest son of John Bedingfeld, late of Wyckmere in Norfolk, deceased, second son of Sir Henry Bedingfeld, senior; remainder to John Bedingfeld, Esq., younger brother of said Henry Bedingfeld, Esq.; and ultimately to the right heirs of said Sir Henry, the party. Which recovery was suffered in Hilary Term, Ao. 9th Anne.

In 1714, by deed dated March 12th, Sir Henry Bedingfeld mortgaged the estate to Clayton Milborne of St. Paul's, Covent Garden. On March 24th in that year, Sir Henry conveyed the manor and park of Necton to Thomas Gibson and John Jacob, both of London, Gentlemen, in fee, subject to the mortgage, the purchase-money being £6000. And by another deed of same date it was declared that the purchase and conveyance were in trust for Henry Eyre of Gray's Inn, Esq. The mortgage was paid off in 1720, partly by Henry Cranmer of Gray's Inn, Gent., and the residue assigned to Rebecca Milborne, widow and executrix of Clayton, deceased, September 29th, 1726.

Of the will of Henry Eyre, dated 6th October, 1719, his brother John Eyre was sole devisee, legatee, and executor, but in a codicil of the same date he named his brother, James Eyre. The probate is dated 12th November in the same year, P. C. C.

The will of John Eyre of Berry's Hall, in Norfolk, Esq., was dated 19th May, 1724; and he thereby devised the real estates left by his late brother to Sir Henry Bedingfeld of Oxboro, Bart., Thomas Penson of Gray's Inn, Gent., and Benjamin Young of Swaffham, in Norfolk, attorney, in trust for sale for payment of his said late brother's unpaid debts and legacies. His residuary legatee was his brother, James Eyre, M.D. By a codicil made 11th November, 1737, he appointed Mannock Strickland of Lincoln's Inn a trustee in place of T. Penson, deceased. Proved 8th September, 1739, P. C. C.

The manors of Uphall, Collard's and Games in Ashill, Huggleford in Houghton, and Huggleford in North Pickenham, had been in 1717 (conveyance dated 28th March) conveyed by John Eyre in his lifetime to Thomas Loggin and Richard Whitborne, the advowson of Ashill excepted.

By indentures dated 21st and 22nd March, 1742, the latter between Sir Henry Bedingfeld of Oxborough, Bart., only son and heir of Sir Henry Bedingfeld, deceased, and Dame Elizabeth his second wife, and Mannock Strickland of Lincoln's Inn, Esq., (executors of the will of Peter Eyre, late of *Burrey's Hall* in Norfolk, Esq., deceased), of the first part; James Eyre of *Burrey's Hall*, Esq., only brother, heir-at-law and devisee of John Eyre, who was only brother, heir-at-law, and devisee of Henry Eyre, late of Gray's Inn, Esq., deceased, second part; Thomas Gibson, Esq., third part; and Daniel Collyer of Hillington, Esq., fourth part. After reciting deeds of 17th and 18th January, 1710, relating to Necton Park; 12th



March, 1714, relating to manor and park; 23rd, 24th, and 28th March, 1714, the will of Henry Eyre; the deeds of 6th and 7th December, 1727, 28th December, 1728, and common recovery, and the will and codicil of John Eyre, the manor and scite and demesne of the manor of Necton alias Neighton, and also the park, were conveyed to Daniel Collyer absolutely in fee.

Daniel Collyer, by his will dated 19th April, 1773, described as then of Wroxham, Esq., gave his manor of Wroxham with Salhouse, with all moneys, lands, &c., there, unto Ann "my deserving wife," until son Daniel attained twenty-one, and then to him for life, &c. The manor of Necton, and moneys, lands, &c., at Necton and in Pentney he gave to said son Daniel for life, remainder to sons of Daniel as he should appoint, remainder to daughters, remainder to testator's son Charles and his sons and daughters in like manner, remainder to said wife Ann in fee. Son to have power to jointure a wife. Thomas Durrant of Sutton, Esq., and John Wace, Esq., trustees for raising £10,000 for son Charles (then under twenty-one). Codicil dated 23rd June.

Daniel Collyer of Rackheath, Esq., eldest son and heir of Daniel Collyer, deceased, married Catherine Bedingfield, spinster, eldest daughter of John Bedingfield of Aylsham, Esq.; and after he had attained twenty-one, by deed dated 27th August, 1774, exercised his power of jointure in her favour of certain farms in Necton. Charles Collyer of Market Dereham, Esq., the son of the last-named Daniel, of Wroxham, married Sarah, daughter of Edward Pratt of Market Dereham aforesaid, in contemplation of which a settlement was made, dated 19th January, 1782, to which the said Charles and Daniel Collyer, the only children living of said Daniel, deceased, said Edward Pratt and Sarah his daughter, Edward Roger Pratt of Swaffham, Esq., and John Patteson of Norwich, Esq., were parties; and in 1739 Martha Patteson of Norwich, widow, having paid off to the trustees of Charles Collyer's settlement the charge in his favour made by the will of his father, the same in 1789 was assigned to her, and afterwards by her to John Micklethwaite, Esq.

Daniel Collyer of Wroxham, Clerk, and Daniel Collyer the younger, John Bedingfield Collyer, Clerk, and William Collyer (the three sons of said Daniel Collyer), and Charles Collyer of Gunthorpe Hall, Clerk, William Lyon, and William Unthank were parties to a deed dated August 17th, 1801, by which, and recovery to be suffered, with the manor of Wroxham, &c., the manor of Necton, and hereditaments there and at Pentney, let at rents of £800 a year, were conveyed to such uses as Daniel the elder, Daniel the younger, and J. B. Collyer should appoint. And recovery was suffered in Hilary Term, 47th George III., and they afterwards made appointment to trustees for a term of years for discharge of incumbrances.

By a deed dated July 18th in that year, an appointment and release was made of the reversion,—as to certain lands in Necton, devised by the will of William Leeds, Gent., to Daniel Collyer, jun., in tail male,—to the use of him said Daniel Collyer, jun., in fee simple; and as to all other, &c., to the use of Daniel Collyer, sen., his heirs, appointees, &c. And a term of fifteen hundred years was created in trustees for raising £25,000, viz., £5000 for Daniel the younger; £5000 for John, Lord Rous, and John Gay, Esq., (trustees of the

settlement made on the marriage of John Bedingfeld Collyer with Catherine his wife, before Catherine Alexander); £5000 for William Collyer, third son; £5000 for George Collyer, fourth son; and £5000 for Catherine Collyer, only daughter. 1809, Nov. 3rd and 4th, Daniel Collyer, sen., of Wroxham, Daniel Collyer, jun., William Collyer, a Lieut. of 18th Regt. N. I. Bengal, and George Collyer, Lieut. of Engineers then stationed at Nova Scotia, were parties to a release to lead the uses of a recovery giving general powers of appointment of the several fourth parts.

Four recoveries were suffered, and in January, 1812, uses were declared by Daniel Collyer, sen., described as late of Rainham in Kent, and then of Borden in that county, with Daniel the younger, giving a joint power of appointment to father and son. By other deeds made in that year, more particularly relating to the Wroxham estate, which had been sold to Sigismond Trafford Southwell, Esq., the Necton estate was conveyed to Randall Burroughes of Wymondham, Esq., Henry Reeve of Norwich, M.D., and others, in fee, with power of sale as a collateral security against £50,000, the amount of incumbrances affecting both estates; Randall Burroughes, &c., being trustees for William Mason of Necton, Esq., who possessed other estates in Necton and resided there.

In none of the Eyre or Collyer deeds is any land mentioned as extending into Bradenham; so the beruite, described in *Domesday* as situate in the latter parish, must have been severed from the manor, and become a distinct manor, of which there were two or three. But the Mason family of Necton held property in Bradenham for two centuries before their purchase of the Necton Manor.

Paul Miller alias Mason was, as we have seen,<sup>1</sup> lord of the manor of Pelstes alias Bokenham Hall or Buckenham Hall in West Bradenham, in Ao. 1st Elizabeth, 1558, when he held his first court, which was also probably his last, for Paul Miller alias Mason of Necton made his will dated 15th May, 1559.<sup>2</sup> Proved 15th July following, by Richard and Paul Miller ats Mason, sons of deceased, P. C. C.

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### THE MASONS OF NECTON.

I have seen it stated, I know not on what authority, that this family descended from *Paul Miller Mason*, citizen of London, who first built and fixed his seat at Necton temp. Henry VII. I have had the privilege of inspecting the family muniments, and the earliest evidence I have met with of their residence in Necton is the admission in the manor of Necton in 2nd Henry VIII. (1510) of *Paul Mason*, on the surrender of Katrine Waller, to a copyhold messuage called Pentess, with four acres three roods of land, in divers pieces, in the field of Necton.

By a deed dated 14th October, 4th Henry VIII. (1512) *Nicholas Masson* and *John Masson*, both of Necton, were enfeoffed in nine acres one rood of land in Necton by William Colynson.

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<sup>1</sup> Ante, p. 40.

<sup>2</sup> Vide post, p. 134.

In 1519, at a court for the manor of Necton on the day after Palm Sunday, 11th Henry VIII., *Nicholas Mason* was admitted on the absolute surrender of Robert Rougham to a tenement called *St. Agnes*, with a purpresture adjoining, containing twelve acres of land and pasture (one acre in the quarantine called *a Howlyn's Falgate*, one acre in quarantine *Busc Furlong*), and eleven acres of meadow in the same furlong, and to two acres in the quarantine called *Nyne-acre Furlong*, and half an acre in the quarantine called *Oldfeld*, in the tenement *Thony's*, in the tenure of Nicholas Mason, with two acres in the quarantine called *Thotillyshoe*, one acre in a quarantine called *Garbred*, next land of the tenement *Gefferys*, in the tenure of said Nicholas; and also to two acres three roods twenty perches, of which three roods were of the tenement *Clents*, in the quarantine called *Super Ponts*, next the tenement *Thosards* and the tenement *Thoppetts*; two acres of the tenement *Thosards*, next the tenement *Swaynes*.

The names of Nicholas Mason and Paul Mason occur as witnesses to a feoffment in Necton of 6th November, 12th Henry VIII. (1520).

At a court for the manor of Sparham in Necton in October, 13th Henry VIII. (1520), *Paul Mason* was admitted, after the death of *Nicholas Mason his father*, to two acres two roods of land copyhold of that manor, in a quarantine called *Oldfeld*.

At a court for the manor of Sparham in Necton, die Jovis post festum s'ce Fidis (Oct. 6) 15th Henry VIII. (1523), the death of Nicholas Mason was found, having previously surrendered two acres and a half of the tenement *Gyggs*, in the quarantine called *Oldfeld*, to the use of Paul Mason his son, who was then admitted.

By a deed of feoffment dated 27th July, 20th Henry VIII. (1528) William Bayly of Necton conveyed to the use of Paul Miller als Mason seven roods of land, in two pieces, in the field of Necton, one lying in a quarantine called "*a Bable usque Levesc*, the other in a quarantine called *s'btus Oldfeld*." In the body of the deed he is called *Paul Miller*.

*Paul Miller als. Mason* was one of the feoffees named in a deed dated 28th January, 30th Henry VIII., being a conveyance from Thomas Echard of Great Yarmouth, merchant, to the use of Thomas Colynson; and also in another deed dated 21st May, 26th Henry VIII., being a conveyance from the same Thomas Echard and others to the said Thomas Colynson, of a messuage and thirteen acres one rood in Necton, next land of George Blomvyle (and part *apud Shodgate*), which were from a deed of Thomas Bedingfeld, Knight, and Ralph Cooke, Clk., 28th January, 20th Henry VIII.

In the same year, 20th Henry VIII. (1528) William Bayly of Necton granted to Paul Miller als Mason of Necton, William Pycher, and Thomas Colynson, seven roods of land, in two pieces, in the field of Necton [part of the tenement *Bosants Atwell*, in the quarantine called "*a Bable usque leuesc*;" other part in quarantine called *s'btus Oldfeld*], of which three roods were from William Ferby and Robert Alayn, and one acre from William Ferby, Thomas Sparke, and Jeffry Phillipps, to the use of the said Paul Miller, his heirs, &c.

In 1528, *Paul Mason*, on behalf of John Felyppe, gave a receipt for 6s. 8d. paid by George Waller for the purchase of six acres three roods, bought by the latter, dated 12th August, 30th Henry VIII.

At a court for the manor of "Necton and Churchmens," on the Monday before the Festival of St. Matthew, 33rd Henry VIII. (1541) Paul Miller als Mason was admitted to three acres of copyhold land, in one piece, "in stadio voc' Kokyspitt" (or *Rokyspitt*), surrendered by Robert Goodale.

In 1542, 34th Henry VIII., *Paul Miller als. Mason* was admitted on the surrender of George Blomevyle to seven acres of land, copyhold of the manor of Necton; and in the following year, by a deed dated 22nd February, 35th Henry VIII. (1543-4) six acres and a half of freehold land were conveyed to his use by Thomas Smyth of Cley.

At a court for the manor of Necton, on the morrow of St. Mark, in 34th Henry VIII. (1542) *Paul Miller als. Mason* was admitted to one acre in *Duck (or Dusk) Furlong*, next the tenement *Swaynes*, surrendered by Gregory Bekyrton.

By deed dated 22nd July, 35th Henry VIII. (1543) Thomas Smyth of Cley granted to Paul Miller als Mason, Thomas Colynson, Robert London, and John Vincent, six acres and a half in Necton (next land of the tenement *Oryngton*, abutting on *Walsyngham Way*), which were before of Thomas Turtbold, late of Swaffham, Gent., to the use of Paul Miller als Mason, his heirs, &c.

By a deed dated 21st June, 37th Henry VIII. (1545) Robert Ruste of Necton granted to *Paul Myller als. Mason* of Necton, four acres three roods in the field of Necton, in the quarantine called *Nokes Furlong*, and half-an-acre in the quarantine "*a Aleyne bushe*."

At a court holden for the manor of Necton on 24th October, Ao. 1st Elizabeth (1558), a surrender was presented from *Paul Meller. als. Mason*, of a tenement built called *Swaynes*, with a purpresture and ten acres three roods in the fields of Necton, and two acres three roods (three roods being of the tenement *Pents* and two acres of the tenement *Thosards*), which he had of the surrender of *Nicholas Mellar* in 15th Henry VIII.; also two acres in [Gooding's?] Close *ad finem ville*, had from Thomas and William Smith, 27th Henry VIII.; three acres from Robert Goodale in 29th Henry VIII.; and two acres "*apud Colefax style*" in the field of Necton, from Edward Byrde in 29th Henry VIII.; two acres of the tenement *Gatts* (or Watts) in *Stanydale*; one acre of the tenement *Thoppetts* in *Wyneakers Furlong*, which he had on surrender of William Pytcher, 26th Henry VIII.; one acre in the quarantine "*a Howlings Falgate*," of the tenement *Greves*; three acres, with a messuage, &c., in the quarantine called "*Super Grevez*," which he had from the surrender of George Blomevile in 34th Henry VIII.; two acres two roods in *Upper Grevez*, called *Rokespytt*, which he had from Robert Goodale 37th and 34th Henry VIII.; and seven roods and one acre one rood in the quarantine called *Barkers Sty*e, and another in the quarantine *Oldefelde*, had from the surrender of Robert Bryghtmere in 27th Henry VIII.; and also a parcel of a barn from William Pytcher and Robert Tussell in 24th Henry VIII.; and one other acre, late of George Crestede, in Necton, all to the use of *Richard Miller als. Mason, his son*, and his heirs forever, who was admitted accordingly.

Will of "Paule Myller als Mason of Necton" (dated 15th May, 1559): To be buried in the church of Necton nigh unto Alice my late wife. Directed to be distributed amongst the poor of Necton, Sporle, and West Bradenham every year 20s. for seven years after decease;

to the high altar of Necton in recompense of tythes too little paid or negligently forgotten, 3s. 4d. Paule my youngest sonne shall have to him and his heirs forever "my signory or manor called *Buckenham Hall als. Pelsys in West bradenham*," with all lands, &c., in the towns and fields of West Bradenham, East Bradenham, and Skarninge, in as large and ample manner as I lately purchased and bought the same of Sir Thomas Woodhouse, Knt., except my close in West Bradenham called "*Wildes and Brackes*." Item I give the said Paule, my youngest son, one tenement called of late *the Chauntry*, lying in Necton, with all the lands, &c., which of late I bought of Mr. Goodwyn, and also all other lands and tenements in the town and fields of Necton, which I late purchased of Sir Thomas Woodhouse, Knt., and of John Bonyng, and the third part of all the free lands in Sporle late bought of Robert Hogan, Esq., to have and to hold, &c., unto Powle my sonne and to his heirs forever. Item to Richard my sonne the close and pastures called *Wildes or Brackes* in West Bradenham. Item the other two parts of my lands in the field of Sporle to Richard and Nicholas my sonnes, to be divided between them, viz., to Richard and his heirs seven acres in one piece at *Packelowe*, two acres and three roods lying in three pieces abutting on the close of Harry Thetford, Gent., and one rood lying there nigh; also to Paule five acres in one piece abutting on Swaffham Way, three acres and a half abutting upon *Roston Hill*, one acre next land late of Robert Holman and land of Richard Calibut, and abutting on *Wrong Furlong*; and to Nicholas my son two acres and the residue of the free land in Sporle for his third part; also to the said Nicholas the tenement called *Olivers*, purchased of Robert Ruste of Necton, with the lands belonging, and three acres and a half of land bought of Mr. Cocket, and five roods bought of Johanne Brightmer, to hold to him and his heirs forever, on condition that he said Nicholas ymmediately after my decease make and deliver a sufficient estate with peaceable possession of what he was enfeofed of, to such persons as given by me in this my will. Item to the said Nicholas and his heirs three acres and a half of land in Sporle, and half an acre in middle field purchased of Robert Brightmer. Item to Jane my daughter and her heirs one tenement in Necton late Robert Leverett's, with the lands, &c., purchased of John Browne, and all the lands late of Catherine Waller, and one tenement called *Gents* purchased of Lucy Royle, with two acres belonging in Necton, except one yarde or hempland which I give unto Mary my daughter and her heirs, the said Mary always to beare and make the fence between them. Item to the said Jane three acres bought of Robert Goodale in *Bush Furlong*, one acre next to same, late Edmund Wright's, and one acre late of Gregory Bekerton, to hold to her and her heirs. Item to Mary my daughter one tenement or messuage in Neckton which was my father's, except one acre in my newe close; also to said Mary seven roods of land purchased of Henry Pettitt in three pieces, all to her and her heirs; also to said Mary "three acres di" of land bought of Peter Osborne in Necton. Item I give to Catharyne Mason and her heirs one tenement in Necton purchased of William Baily. Item to Thomas Mason my kinsman three acres di of land which I bought of his father, and to his heirs. Item to Richard my sonne my tenement in Swaffham, to him also my tenement which I now dwell in in Necton, with all the lands, &c., in Sporle, "and all lands in the field of Necton which lyeth west of the

heaved land leading from the west end of a close of Mary Munson, widow, unto Swaffham, northward upon the part of a furlong called *Little Mere Shorte*, and also on the west of an acre abutting upon *Little Mere Shorte*, tenement and lands sometye belonging to the chantrye of Necton," and in the field of Necton, not otherwise willed, to hold to him and his heirs, &c. Item I give to Nicholas my son £23 which he oweth me; to Mary my daughter three milch kyne or neate; also one bed and bedstead in the kitchen with all that belong, and one kettle and three webb of leade in the backhouse; also four loads of wood yearly during her life out of my close called *Wildes and Bracks*, to be felled and carried at the costs and charges of Richard. Item to Jane my daughter three milch kyne or neate, and the little bed and bedstead in my chamber with all belonging, also a brasse pot. Item to Mary and Jane my daughters each of them a bearing shete, and all my wyves lynnyn, beades, and rings which remain in a coffer late my wyves, to be equally divided between them, and to each of my said daughters a pair of . . . . . Item to Mary her mother's gowne and best kirtle; to Richard my son my new cupboard in the hall and my great cheste. All the residue unto Richard and Pawle, whom, &c., my executors; to dispose of same to the pleasure of god and health of my sowle, and I make John Large my brother-in-law supervisor, to whom best gowne and forty shillings. Witnesses, Wm. Hawke, Ive Skarlett, Robt. Beckerton, Robt. Constable.—[Abstracted from probate copy granted 15th July, 1559, by Prerogative Court, London.]

The said Paul Miller ats Mason, late of Necton, in the district of Norwich, having goods and credits in divers other jurisdictions, administration was granted to Richard and Paul, the executors named, by the Prerogative Court of London on 15th July, 1559.

This Paul, the first we see named, sometimes *Mason* only, sometimes *Miller* only, but generally "*Miller als. Mason*," and so he is called in his will, of which I have given an abstract above. His father's name, however, appears to have been "*Nicholas Miller als. Mason*."

Paul Miller ats Mason, the above testator, had in his lifetime been admitted to several other small pieces of copyhold land in the manors of Necton, Sparham in Necton, and Corbetts ats Churchmans.

The purchase of the pasture land known as *Isalls als. Ishawes*, by Nicholas Miller ats Mason, in 1563, has been fully treated of separately.<sup>1</sup>

Mary, daughter of Paul Myller, was wife of Gregory Bekerton. Her father, in his lifetime, had surrendered to her use three acres three roods twenty perches copyhold of the manor of Necton (part lying in the quarantine called *Short Acre*, other part in *Seven Rode Furlong*, and a close called *Cokkermongers*), to which she was admitted at a court holden 24th October, 1st Elizabeth; and upon her death, Agnes Beckerton, her only daughter and heir, was admitted to same at a court held 30th October, 37th Elizabeth.

By deed dated 17th October, 1st Elizabeth, Nichus Miller ats Mason, described of Necton, tanner, granted to *Mary Miller als. Mason*, his sister, a messuage and nine acres two

<sup>1</sup> Ante, p. 48.

roods of land in Necton, upon the quarantine called *Greves*, reserving one acre two roods, pursuant to the will of *Paul Miller als. Mason*, dated 15th May, 1559; and one acre two roods in the quarantine called *Depmer*, abutting on *Walsingham Way* and on *Stanydale*; and one acre upon the quarantine called *Fyve Acre Furlong*, and one other acre upon the tenement of John London, et un di. acr. super *Walsingham Way*; which messuage, with nine acres one rood of land he took, with the said *Paul* his father, by feoffment, 7th December, 37th Henry VIII., of Margaret Mirton, widow, late wife of John Mirton, and before wife of Nicholas Millar, to hold to said Mary Millar als *Mason* in fee.

At a court for the manor of Necton, 29th March, 1559 (which was after the date of his will), *Paul Mason* (the grandfather I suppose) was admitted on surrender of Thomas Wood to several pieces of copyhold land, whereof four acres were in the quarantine called *Horse Furlong*, two acres in *Stonydale*, one acre in *Oldefelde*, next land of the tenement *Grygges*, in tenure of Paul Mason, also a purprise built upon, at *Hurves Greene*, and one acre one rood of the tenement *Meynez* in a quarantine "*a Polget Folgate*," on lands late of the chantry of *St. Kateryne*, and one acre in *Estgate*.

By deed dated 23rd June, Ao. 4th Elizabeth, 1562, *Nicholas Myller als. Mason*, of Necton at the special instance and request of *Mary Myller als. Mason*, his sister, and in fulfilment of the will of Paul Myller alias Mason, his father, deceased, enfeoffed said Mary in a messuage in Necton, and seven acres one rood in the town and fields of Necton (part of which was described as lying in the quarantine called *Deepmere*, and abutting on *Walsingham Way*; other part in the quarantine called *Stanydell*) abutting on the tenement of Paul Myller, on land of Ivo. Skarlet, land of Robert Rust, and land of *Richard Myller*; which the said Nicholas had jointly with said Paul his late father, with other lands, &c., on the grant of Margaret Myrton, widow, late wife of Nicholas Miller als *Mason*, his grandfather, by deed dated 7th December, 27th Henry VIII. (1535), to hold to the said Mary, her heirs, &c.

By deed dated at Necton 23rd June, 4th Elizabeth (1562), *Nicolaus Myller als. Mason* de Necton, ad instanc', &c., *Rici Myller als. Mason, fratris mei*, neenon in complement', &c., ult. vol' *Pauli Myller als. Mason, patris mei*, nuper de Necton, deft' "dedi', &c., p'fō Rico" one acr. et di. terr' in Necton infra inclausam pdei' Rici in quarent' voc. *Greves*, quamecunq, one-and-a-half acr. Nichus hab' "cum Paulo Miller fratris mei," inter alia terr., &c., ex dono, &c., Margarete Mirton, vid', quond' ux' *Nichi Miller als. Mason, avi mei*, per cart', dat. 7th December, 37th Henry VIII. Habend' Rico hered', &c.

By deed dated at Necton 16th December, 9th Elizabeth (1567), John Colynson of Gresnhall, tanner and singleman, son of Thomas Colynson of Necton, deceased, bargained and sold to *Richard Miller als. Mason* of Necton, his heirs, &c., four acres two roods twenty poles, lying in the quarantine called *Howlyns Falgate*, next the messuage formerly of Richard Bunkold, afterwards Pesherwyns, now of said Richard Miller als *Mason*, and half-an-acre in the quarantine called "*Swafham Weye usque Lytlemeare Short*," unto land of the fee of Sparham and land late of James Scarlet, now of Thomas Scarlet his son, land of William Scarlett, sc.; half-an-acre of the tenement *Eves* in the quarantine called *Stanydele*, between lands of the township of Necton on both parts, and one acre three roods of the tenement

*Keedes*, in the quarantine called *Oldefield*, between land late of John Mason, now of Edward Rust. All which were formerly of Roger Towneshend, Esq., afterwards of Michael Beckyrton of Necton, and were purchased by Thos. Colynson, the father, from Thomas Bekyrton, son of Michael; also one acre and a half in the field of Sporle purchased of Thomas Lacy als Wright; and all devised by the will of said Thomas Colynson. "Ivory Scarlett" and "Nichus Myller als Mason" were witnesses to the delivery of seizin.

In the schedule to the deed of bargain and sale of 12th Elizabeth, the following field names, &c., occur, viz.: the tenement Grigges in the furlong *Oldfield*; the tenement Redes in the furlong called *Staindele*; the tenement Lings in the furlong called *Under croft heawdes*, with abutments on lands and tenements *Eres* and *Brumalkin*, both in tenure of Richard Mason; tenement *Turnacles* in Sparham, in the furlong called *North Balm wood*, and abutment on *Dunham Bable*; tenement *Godardes* in aforesaid furlong; tenement *Turnacles* in same furlong, between lands of tenement *Thozardes*, abutment on *Dunham Bable*, in furlong from *Ellembush* to Sparham; tenement *Stales als. Buntings* in *Botefurlong*; tenement Eliotts in Sparham, in furlong between *Gedistorne* and *Dickforth Lane*; tenements *Munks* and *Gurlondes*.

By deed dated 11th March, 17th Elizabeth (1574-5), Thomas Munsaugh of Swaffham Market, yeoman, enfeoffed William Miller als Mason of Necton, yeoman, for 27s. 4d. in a piece of arable land parcel of seven acres in Necton Field, which descended to said Thomas as heir of his father John Munsaugh, sometime of West Bradenham.

In 1579 *Paul Myller* was witness to seizin under a deed dated 29th April, 21st Elizabeth, from Thomas Halle to William Hawke.

By deed dated 29th November, Ao. 30th Elizabeth (1587), Thomas Cockette of Melton, Gent., and Humfridus Cockette of Est Lexham, Gent., sons of George Cockette of Sparham in Necton, deceased, released seventeen acres of land or pasture in the fields of Sparham in Necton, late of said George [in five pieces, separately described] to Richard Miller als Mason.

In 1589 Nicholaus Morleye of Shropham, husbandman, by deed dated 9th October, 31st Elizabeth, enfeoffed to *Richard Miller als. Mason* three roods of land in the field of Necton, in the quarantine called *Staine Deale*, Thomas Case and Richard Case being witnesses.

The foregoing deed and schedule of 12th Elizabeth, are set forth in an *Inspeximus* of Henry Croke of Necton, Clerk, Christofer Powley of Necton, "in artibus baccalaureus," John Collyson of Necton, yeoman, and *Paul Mason* of Necton, yeoman, dated 2nd April, 39th Elizabeth (1597).

I find the name of *Paul Mason* of Necton, yeoman (who was grandson of the first Paul), as a joint feoffee with Thomas Colynson and others in a feoffment dated 2nd April, Ao. 39th Elizabeth, A.D. 1597, and made by Henry Croke of Necton, Clerk, Christofer Powlye of Necton, "in artibus bachalaureus," John Collison als Colynson of Necton, yeoman, and *Paul Mason of Necton, yeoman, senior* (son of the first Paul), of two acres of land in Necton in two pieces, which John Blomvyle, with Robert Blomvyle, late of Est derham, deceased,



Roger Townysend, Knt., then living, William Eyre, *legisperitus*, and Thomas Styward, deceased, had from the grant of William Dee, late of Swaffham, deceased, and John Bullock of Skarning, yet living, by deed 2nd June, 22nd Henry VIII.

By a fine in Michs. Term, 43rd Elizabeth, between *Paul Myller alias Mason*, querent, and John Mounshaugh and Johanna his wife, deforcients, seven acres of land in Necton were assured to said Paul.

John Mounsaugh, on 24th November in that year (1600), gave his bond to Paul Miller als Mason of Necton, yeoman, in £60, for performance of covenants for title of seven acres of land, contained in deed of feoffment of same date.

By deed dated 5th August, 2nd Jac. (1604), *Paul Miller als. Mason, senior*, of Necton, yeoman, *Paul Miller als. Mason, junior*, of the same place, yeoman, *John Miller als. Mason* of the same, yeoman, and Henry Cooke of the same, Clerk, released to Johane Collison of Necton, widow, all right, &c., in a messuage called *Freebodies*, with three acres three roods in Necton for her life, with remainder to Simon her son.

At a court for the manor of Necton, in Easter week, 5th Jac. (1607), Paul Miller als Mason was admitted on surrender of William Powley to one acre of the tenement *Goslyngs* in the quarantine called *East Furlong*, and half an acre of the tenement *Chappells* in the quarantine called *Pynsety's furlong*, and three roods "in campo voc. *Oldfeld*."

By deed dated 25th July, 10th Jac. (1612), Christopher Powley of Sedgford, Clerk, released to John Sherwood land in Necton in *Lingthwaite*, purchased of William Powley his brother.

By deed dated 16th August, 10th Jac. (1612), William Willmont of Dunham Parva, yeoman, and Alicia his wife, only daughter and heir of Richard Miller als Mason, jun., late of Necton, yeoman, deceased, for £5 paid by Paul Miller als Mason, conveyed to same Paul, his heirs, &c., three roods of land in the field of Necton in the quarantine called *Stainedeale*, which were inherited by said Alicia from said Richard her father.

At a court for the manor of Churchmans in Necton, held 14th October, 15th Jac. (1617), after noticing the surrender passed by *Paul Miller als. Mason*, before Edward Rust, Gent., in the presence of *John Mason* and another, of copyhold tenement to the use of his will, and presenting his death, his will was produced by *Richard Miller als. Mason*, his son, and mentioned to be dated on 1st May then preceding, and setting forth the words of the devise to him. *Richard* was then admitted to three acres lying in the quarantine called *Rokspyt* in Necton, and to one acre and a half abutted by lands of said Richard on all sides, to an acre of meadow called *Shorte Acre*, and to five acres of meadow in Necton, and which the said Paul took by heirship *after the death of Richard Miller als. Mason, his father*, at court 15th October, 44th Elizabeth; also to one acre three roods in Necton, in two pieces, which said Paul took on surrender of William Buncall at a court 5th November, 44th Elizabeth.

In the description of lands comprised in a deed dated 6th June, 7th Car. (1631), lands are mentioned as abutments belonging to *Paul Mason*, to *William Mason*, and to *Richard Mason*, respectively, and *Richard Mason* was a witness.

In the catalogue of Royalists who made composition for their estates with the Parliament

is the name of "William Mason, Esquire, late called Sir Willm. Mason of Sloley in Norff., Delinquent, whose estate in Norff. is onely during his wives life, whoe is about 80 yeares of age." He does not appear to have been connected with the Necton family.

In 1637, at a court for the manor of Corbetts ats Churchmans, 3rd April, 13th Car., a surrender was presented which was passed on 15th October, 1635, in the presence of Richard Mason and William Mason, copyhold tenants, to the use of Oliver Philipps, Clerk, rector of the church of Forneham All Saints in Suffolk, who was admitted to two pieces of land in Necton, all lying in the close called *Calfox* "prope stadio voc. *Elder Bush Furlong*," the other part of eight acres one rood, late of John Mason, before of Nicholas Mason, "in stadio voc. *staple wonge*," which Edmund Morris the surrenderer took on surrender of John Miller ats Mason at court 9th April, 1633.

The acquisitions of Paul and Richard in other parishes will be alluded to hereafter.

By deed dated 10th May, 18th Car. (1642) Francis Ewer of Yaxham, Gent., for £400, released to *Richard Miller als. Mason* of Necton, Gent., all claim in lands, &c., purchased by said Richard of Phillip Woodhouse, Esq., by deed 2nd May.

It appears from an entry in the manor of Corbetts ats Churchmans that the death of *William Mason* was presented at court 20th April, 1650, when *Richard Mason*, his son and heir, was of the age of seventeen. And on 19th April, 1656, he, Richard, was admitted to half an acre, and two acres, and to one acre in *Shoulegate*, which the said *William* took 14th October in 15th Jac., on surrender of *Paul Miller als. Mason*.

A bond was given 9th January, 1st William and Mary, 1689, by *Richard Mason*, sen., of Necton, Gent., and Richard Mason, jun., of same place, to *John Mason* of Carbrook, Gent., for performance of covenants contained in indenture of same date.

In 1686, Richard Mason of Necton, Gent., described as eldest son and heir of William Mason, late of Necton, Gent., deceased, now in possession of the Necton estate, which, by deed dated 1st June in that year, he mortgaged to Nicholas Helwis, Gent., son of William Helwis, citizen and alderman of Norwich, including a capital messuage wherein he the said Richard Mason dwelt, with sixteen acres of pasture, four acres of meadow, and fourteen acres of inclosures, of the yearly value of £25. Under the will of John Mason of Necton, Gent., dated 22nd November, 1692, and proved 3rd July, 1694, his real estates were devised to his kinsman Richard Mason of Necton, Gent., in tail; remainder to John Mason of Carbrook, Gent., in tail. Richard, the first devisee, died without issue male. In 1717 Richard Mason of Necton, Esq., became mortgagee of property at North Pickenham, Houghton, South Pickenham, Ashill, and Saham Tony, formerly Briers, which, as he died intestate, was assigned in 1727 by Frances Mason, his widow and administratrix, to Thomas Mason and John Mason, to whom the security was afterwards assigned, who purchased the inheritance in fee simple.

In 1717 one Thomas Hancock by will gave, after the decease of his wife and others, the fee simple of land in Reymerstone to "Thomas Mason of Swaffham, grocer, youngest son of the testator's uncle, John Mason of Necton."

Thomas Mason of Swaffham made his will, therein designated "Gentleman," 29th

September, 1741, and gave to his daughter Mary Mason estates in Swaffham and Great Fransham, but in event of her death under twenty-one, and without issue, to his daughter Susanna and son William Mason. He gave to daughter Susanna the estate in Reymerston with shifting uses in favour of Mary and William. In like manner estate in North Pickenham, South Pickenham, Houghton, Ashill, and Saham Tony, Ovington and Mundford, to son William, but if he died under twenty-one s. p., then to Mary and Susanna. Names his wife Mary. Brother William Mason of Necton, Esq., sole executor. Proved 1st April, 1748.

The daughter Mary married John Marcon of Swaffham, and Susanna married Francis Columbine of Norwich, merchant.

The will of William Mason of Necton, Esq., is dated 28th March, 1755: he gave all, &c., in Whinbergh and Yaxham to his niece Mary Marcon for life, and then in trust for her and her issue in tail. All, &c., in Reymerston, Shipdham, and Letton to his niece Susanna Mason for life, and then in trust for her issue, with remainders in default of their respective issue to nephew William Mason in fee. All other real estates to trustees until said William attained twenty-one, and then to him for life, with remainder to his issue in tail; and in default, &c., to nieces Mary Marcon and Susanna Mason; annuity to Mary Mason, widow of brother Thomas; legacy to Mary Marcon, daughter of said niece Mary. Executor, John Davis. Trustees, said John Davis of Watlington, Esq., and Richard Dashwood of Cockley Cley, Esq. Proved 1st August, 1755.<sup>1</sup>

Francis Columbine, who as above mentioned married Susanna Mason, had a brother, the Rev. Paul Columbine, D.D., Rector of Little Plumstead, and his (Paul's) only daughter and heiress, Elizabeth Columbine, became the wife of William Mason, the nephew and devisee of William his uncle above named, the marriage being solemnized at Norwich 8th November, 1787. By their marriage settlement, 25th October previous, subject to the life estates of William Mason the father and William the son, and to a jointure of £400 a year for said Elizabeth, and also to a power of appointment to the children of the marriage reserved to William Mason the son, the estate was vested in trustees to raise £5,000, and to pay the income to said Elizabeth for her life after his decease, and to make provision for younger children.

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#### EVIDENCES.

Will of "RICHARD MILLER ALS. MASON, JUNIOR, the sonne of *Richard Miller als. Mason of Necton, yeoman*," dated 16th May, 36th Elizabeth, gave the remainder of his goods and chattels, after payment of debts and funeral expenses, "to my only child's use, *Alice Miller als. Mason*, and her heirs forever." "My father, Richard Miller als. Mason, to be my only and full executor, and to have the governaunce and bringinge up of my said child." Paule Miller als. Mason a witness. Proved 26th May, 1595. (Probate copy.)

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<sup>1</sup> The wife of this last testator was Elizabeth, daughter of the Rev. Francis Blomefield, the historian of Norfolk, who predeceased him.

Will of RICHARD MILLER ALS. MASON of Necton, yeoman, dated June 8th, Ao. 42nd Elizabeth, A.D. 1600. To be buried in church of Necton. Give unto *Alice Miller als. Mason*, the daughter of my son Richard, deceased, £20 at her age of twenty-one years, on condition she release unto my son *Pawle Miller als. Mason* all rights in any lands and tenements as heir to her said father; on her refusal said legacy to lapse; give unto every of my son *Pawle Miller als. Mason's* children 40s. apeece at age of twenty-one; unto *Luce Miller als. Mason*, the daughter of *brother Pawle*, £3. 6s. 8d., and to every other of said brother *Pawle's* children 40s. at age of twenty-one; to brother-in-law *Henry Rame* and *Jeane* his wife 40s. apeece, and to every of their children 40s. apeece at twenty-one; to every of the children of *Thomas Miller als. Mason*, my kinsman, 20s. apeece (some now twenty-one, some under); to every one of *Richard Munson's* children 20s.; to my nephew *Nicholas Miller als. Mason* 40s.; to each of my nephew *John Mason's* children 40s. at age of twenty-one; to *Joane Smyth*, widow, 40s.; to *Thomas Smyth* 40s. at twenty-one; to brother-in-law *William Estrowe's* children 30s. apiece. Residue to *Joana my wife*; she and son *Pawle* executors. Son-in-law *William Secker* supervisor; to him 40s. Proved at Swaffham, Archdeaconry of Norfolk, 17th March, 1601, by Paul only, *Joane* having predeceased testator.

By an inquisition held at the castle of Norwich, 21st October, anno Regis 21<sup>o</sup> (Car. I.), before *Walter Lockwood* the escheator, *post mortem Ricardi Miller als. Mason*, he was found to have been seized of two messuages and 65a. 3r. 20p. of land, meadow and pasture, in several pieces, in Necton, and of divers other pieces of land and pasture, containing by estimation fifty acres, in the town and fields of Sparham and Necton, and five more acres of land and pasture in Necton, and of the manor of *Ishawes*<sup>1</sup> and close of that name, of which forty acres in West Bradenham were purchased of *James Nonne*, Gent., and three acres in *Jarmine Closes* at the same time purchased of *James Nonne*, in Holme Hale, and of certain lands and tenements called *Wildes and Brakes*, containing sixty acres, in West Bradenham, and certain land called *West Rodes* estimated at eighteen acres, in West Bradenham, and 10a. 3r. purchased of *John Sherwood* in Necton, and 5a. 3r. purchased of *William Buncall* in Necton, and three acres purchased of *Johane Miller als. Mason* in Necton, and 29a. 2r. purchased of *Edmund Hawke*, and seven roods there purchased of *Symon Smyth*, and three roods in Necton purchased of *Robert Slapp*, and also of 6a. 2r. 20p. of land and pasture purchased of *Peter Lilley* in the town and fields of Yaxham, and 9a. 1r. 9p. there also purchased of *Peter Lilly*, and of twenty acres of land and pasture purchased of *Francis Ewer* in *Whinbergh* and *Carbrook*, and one other acre in *Whinbergh*, in two closes; moreover, of one messuage called *Lawes*, with twenty-seven acres of land and pasture in the town and fields of *North Pickenham*, of which he died so seized on 2nd May, Ao. R. 21st. The manor of *Ishawes* and eighty acres so called were (as before stated) held as of the Honor of *Clare*.

The land and tenement "*Wilde and Brakes*," containing sixty acres, were held of *Arthur Capell*, Knt., as of the manor of *Gooderston* by fealty and the annual rent of 6d., and were of the annual value of 3s.

*West rodes*, containing eighteen acres, was held of *Anthony Bedingfeild*, Gent., in free soccage as of the manor of *Virlys* in *North Pickenham*, by fealty and the annual rent of 9d., and was rated at the annual value of 10s.

Fifteen acres of land in Sparham were held of . . . *Beck*, Gen., as of his manor of Sparham in Necton in free soccage, at the yearly rent of 10s., and were valued at 20s. a year. Five acres in Necton were held of *Edmund Agborough*, vicar of the church of Necton, as of the manor belonging to his vicarage of Necton, in free soccage by the annual rent of 10s., and valued per annum at 20s.

Two messuages, 65a. 3r. 20p. in Necton, and 5a. 3r. and 10a. 3r. there, purchased respectively of *Sherwood* and *Buncall*, three acres of *Joane Miller als. Mason*, 29a. 2r. of *Edmund Hawke*, seven roods of *Smyth*, and three roods of *Slapp*, all in Necton, were held of *Henry Bedingfeild*, Knt., as of the Manor of Necton, in free soccage by separate rents, the amounts of which were not known.

<sup>1</sup> The extract relating to this manor, &c., has been already given, vide ante, p. 40.

The lands in Yaxham were held of Sir Richard Crane, Knt. and Bart., as of the manor of Whinbergh, in free soccage, and assessed at the yearly value of 5s.

Twenty acres in Whinbergh and Carbrook were also held of Sir Richard Crane as of that manor, in free soccage, and valued at 5s. a year.

The messuage and lands in North Pickenham were assessed at 20s. a year.

And that the said Richard, on 29th May, 1635, made his last will and testament, and thereby gave to his son *Richard* all his estate in Necton at the age of twenty-one years, and willed that in the meantime *Ann Miller als. Mason* his wife should hold the same for his education. And he also gave to his son *John* all the estate in *West Bradenham*.

According to my extracts from wills in the Episcopal Court of Norwich, post, the will of Richard Miller als. Mason of Necton, yeoman, was dated 19th September, 1635.

ACQUISITIONS OF RICHARD MILLER ALS. MASON AND HIS SUCCESSORS,  
IN NECTON, NOT BEFORE MENTIONED.

A messuage and two acres and a half of copyhold land in a quarantine called *Michell's Croft* were recovered by *Paul Mason* against Richard Burley 25th March, 1541, and surrendered by him and James Jordan, Gent., to the use of Paul Robinson and Mary his wife in June that year.

In 1561, Marcellus Goodwyn of Necton, Gent., son and heir of Christopher Goodwyn, jun., his father, of Necton, deceased, by deed dated 28th July, Ao. 3rd Elizabeth, conveyed to *Richard Myller als. Mason* of Necton, his heirs, &c., a parcel of one acre, with a house newly built, next the footpath called *Sparham Sty*, and abutting on the churchyard of Necton, late of said Christopher, on whose death the same descended with other hereditaments to Marcellus by inheritance.

In 1561, at a court for Necton manor, 9th December, 3rd Elizabeth, *Richard Miller* was admitted on surrender of Henry Wright to one acre, in two pieces, in Necton, at the east end of *Sporle Roode* and next *Walsingham Way*.

At a court for the manor of Churchmans and Corbetts on 7th April, 4th Elizabeth, Richard Miller als. Mason was admitted on surrender of Marcellus Goodwyn to four acres of land and five acres of pasture, copyhold of that manor, which he took in reversion subject to life of William Maggs, 12th April, 1st Elizabeth.

By indenture dated 7th June, Ao. 8th Elizabeth (1566), Thomas Heathe de Dunham parva, yoman, granted to "Richard Miller als. Mason de Necton, yoman," a messuage with 13a. 1r. of land in Necton, formerly of Thomas Echard of Great Yarmouth, merchant,<sup>1</sup> and 14a. 1r. of land in Necton, sometime of George Blomefeild and others, with abutments on land late of George Blomevyle, now of said Richard, apud *Blodgate*, land of Maria Rust, widow, in *Dowehyll Furlong*, land late of *Paul Miller als. Mason*, now in use of Gregory Bekerton, land late of Thomas Colynson, now of said Richard, land of "Ivoris Skarlet, via duecnt' a le bable," land late of W. Brightner now of *Nicholas Miller als. Mason*, &c., which messuage and 13a. 1r., late Echards, and 14a. 1r. sometime Blomvild's, were granted to said Thomas Heethe by Thomas Collyson late of Swaffham Market, tanner, by deed 6th November, 5th Elizabeth. Witnessed by *Paul Myller als. Mason* and *Nicholas Miller als. Mason*.

At a court for the manor of Necton, 13th November, 8th Elizabeth, 1566, a surrender was presented from Richard Levett of seven acres of land of the tenement R. Robyne in the fields of Necton (part being in *Estgate* in the quarantine a *Stoniland*), passed on 7th June to the use of Margaret his wife for life, also devisee under his will, which *Margaret* was now the wife of *Richard Mason*.

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<sup>1</sup> Thomas Echard de Magna Jernemuth, mercator, et Ricus Echard de Cley, husbandman, executed a bond dated 21st May, 26th Henry VIII., to Thomas Colyson of Necton, husbandman, for indemnity against incumbrance of messuage and 13a. 1r. in Necton lately conveyed by Thomas Echard to Colyson, and for title.

An entry in the court-roll of Necton manor, 8th Elizabeth, refers to a surrender by Richard Levett of seven acres in divers pieces in Neyton, to the use of Margaret his wife, and that *Margaret* was then the wife of *Richard Mason*.

In 1589 Henry Skepper of Necton, yeoman, granted to *Richard Miller als. Mason, sen., of Necton, yeoman*, and *Richard Miller als. Mason his son*, one acre and a half of land in Necton, in a close of said Richard, which said Henry Skepper and Alice his wife had by grant of William Munsaugh of West Bradenham, 25th October last, 31st Elizabeth, to hold to Richard, sen., for life, remainder to Richard, jun., his heirs, &c. Dated at Necton, 29th January, 32nd Elizabeth, "*Paul Mason*" and "*Paul Mason, yo<sup>r</sup>,*" being witnesses.

At a court for Churchmans als. Corbetts, 21st April, 33rd Elizabeth, 1591, it was recited that at the preceding court *Nicholas Mason*, bailiff of the manor, certified the seizure of 1a. 2r. of land next the Camping Close held by Richard Mason als. Miller, and forfeited by his felling an ash tree upon it; now the lord being thus in possession regranted the same to Richard upon the same tenure Richard had taken of Marcellus Goodwyn 5th Elizabeth (ut prius).

At a court for the manor of Necton, 30th October, 37th Elizabeth, 1595, after the death of Mary, late wife of Gregory Bekerton and daughter of *Paul Myller*, Agnes Bekerton, her only daughter and heir, was admitted to 3a. 3r. 20p. in quarantine called *Shorte Arm Dyke*, and in *Seven Rode Furlong*, &c., and to a close called *Cokker-mongers*, which said Mary took on surrender of said Paul Myller at court 24th October, 1st Elizabeth.

In 1597 *John Mason* was a witness to a deed dated 2nd April, 39th Elizabeth, by which John Collison als. Colynson of Necton, yeoman, son and heir of Simon Colynson, deceased, the brother and heir of Thomas Colynson, late of Necton, deceased, conveyed to William Bunkall of Necton, husbandman, 1a. 2r. of land of the tenement *Edi Smethes* in Necton Field, which the said Thomas Colynson left to said Simon in fee after the death of Margaret, then wife of said Thomas, after whose deaths the same with other lands came to John; and also three roods of the tenement *Elwitt* in Necton Field, in the quarantine called *London Land*, which were late held of the manor of Sparham in Necton, and were enfranchised by Anthony Cockett, then lord, by feoffment, 21st December, 33rd Elizabeth.

In 1597, by deed dated at Sparham in Necton, 7th May, 39th Elizabeth, *John Miller als. Mason* of Necton, for £25. 10s. paid by *Richard Miller als. Mason* and *Paul Miller als. Mason*, "son of the said Richard of Necton, yeoman," and for two acres and a half given by them in exchange, granted to same Richard and Paul 6a. 2r. in Sparham Field aforesaid, inclosed in six pieces, (1) in the quarantine called *Notherham*, abutting on pasture called *Dunham bable*, (2) abutting on land of said Richard, (3) between lands of Osbert Pratt, Gent., and land of said John, (4) upon *Dunham bable*, (5) said John had with other land by the will of his father *Nicholas Miller als. Mason*, late of Necton, yeoman, deceased, (6) he, John, had by grant from *Henry Miller als. Mason*, to hold to said Richard and Paul and their heirs, &c. *Henry Mason* a witness.

In 1600 John Mounsaugh of West Bradenham, yeoman, by deed dated 24th November, 43rd Elizabeth, for £32 paid by *Paul Miller als. Mason the younger* of Necton, yeoman, conveyed to him seven acres of arable land in the field of Necton, next land of Osbert Pratt, Gent., which descended to said John Mounsaugh after the death of John his father, reserving a strip six feet in width; "*Paul Mason the elder*" and "*Henry Mason*" being witnesses.

At a court for the manor of Necton, 12th October, 44th Elizabeth (1602), *Paul Myller* was admitted on surrender of Edward Ruste to two acres of land of the tenement *Howlyns*, between lands of Paul Myller als. Mason, jun., on both sides, and to three roods of the tenement *Clients* in *Church Croft*, which said Edward had after the death of Marie Ruste his mother, 31st Elizabeth.

In 1603, by a deed dated at Sparham in Necton on 9th March, 45th Elizabeth, Osbert Pratt of Hockholde, Gent., granted to *Paul Miller als. Mason, jun., of Necton*, 2a. 3r. late of Thomas Skarlette, Gent., deceased, in Sparham in Necton, in Sparham Field, now in three pieces, abutments on lands of Thomas Powlie and late of Margaret Morrell, both now of said Paul, and upon *Dunham Bable*, late of John Cole,



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*Brass in Necton Ch. to Mary Rust, 1596.*





now of said Paul, and late of Robert Francis, now of *John Mason*. Of which pieces one was granted to said Thomas Skarlette from William Hawke by deed 22nd January, 5th Elizabeth; the other by the feoffment of George Cockette late of Sparham, Esq., deceased, and Antony his son, by writing 7th June, 20th Elizabeth. And all, with others, to Osbert in fee by fine, to hold to Paul in fee.

At a court for the manor of South Pickenham, 13th December, 45th Elizabeth, it was entered that *Richard Miller als. Mason*, a free tenant, held also five acres of copyhold in a close called *West End in West braddenham*, between a close called *Wottens* and a close called *West End*, formerly of said Richard and “apud *Huntisfeld*,” which Robert took on surrender of Ezekiel Wood in 22nd Elizabeth. And at a court for the same manor on 5th April, 1603, the death of said Richard was found, seized of the premises, and that *Paul Miller als. Mason* was his eldest son and heir, to whom *Henry Miller als. Mason* was admitted guardian.

A fine was levied in Hilary Term, 1st Jac. I., between Paul Miller als. Mason, jun., querent, and Thomas Griggess and Agnes his wife, deforcients, of one messuage, &c., fourteen acres of land and three acres of pasture in Necton.

In 1610 *Henry Miller als. Mason*, yeoman, entered into a bond to John Sherwood, dated 23rd March, 8th Jac., for title to 4a. 3r. of freehold and 1a. 1r. of copyhold land in Necton conveyed by bargain and sale of same date, in which Mary Miller als. Mason, the mother of Henry, had a life estate under the will of Nicholas her late husband and father of said Henry, and partly by deed and partly by whose will the remainder was vested in Henry. He and Elizabeth his now wife covenanted for further assurances, but by deed dated 28th June, 12th Jac., *Elizabeth Miller als. Mason*, widow, the late wife of Henrie, deceased, and sole executrix of his will, conveyed to John Sherwood of Skarning, cordynr., in fee a close called *Shermans*, near *Hammond's Lane*, also 5a. 1r. of land in three pieces in Necton, whereof one rood was copyhold in *Howne Hill*, abutting on land in tenure of *Mary Miller, Nicholas Mason* being a witness.

At a court for the manor of Necton, 12th April, 12th Jac. (1614), was presented a surrender by *Paul Miller als. Mason* of one tenement built, containing one acre and a half, and of the tenement *Swaynes*, one acre of the tenement *Gosstlyns* in the quarantine *Bushefurlong*, which he had on surrender of *Nicholas Miller als. Mason* at court 10th November, 8th Elizabeth, to the use of *Daniel Miller als. Mason, son of same Paul*, his heirs, &c., subject to payment to said Paul during his life of £4 yearly, and within a year after his death of £7 to his executors.

*Paul Miller als. Mason*, by his will dated 1st May, 15th Jac. (1617) gave “to *William* my sonne and his heires all my lands and tenements in Necton and Sparham not before bequeathed to *Richard* my sonne.” Names also as living son Paul, daughters Joane, Jane, and Margaret, his uncle Paul and cousin John Mason. Proved 28th June following by *Richard Miller als. Mason* and *William Miller als. Mason*, the sons, executors, P. C. C.

1617. By deed of feoffment dated 14th July, Ao. 15th Jac., Simon Collison, son and heir of John Collison, deceased, conveyed to *William Miller als. Mason the younger* of Necton, son of *Paul Miller als. Mason the younger* late of Necton, yeoman, deceased, in fee, a messuage called *Freebodies*, with 2a. 3r. of land. And by another deed, dated the 24th of August following, the said Simon conveyed to the same *William Miller als. Mason* a close containing six acres, which said Simon had after the death of said John and Joane his wife, the mother of Simon. [The messuage and croft are described as “prope *Howlings Falgate*,” between *Le Grove Way* and a messuage called *Bells*, formerly of *Thomas Collyson*, now of *William Miller als. Mason*.]

In the return to the inquisition taken at Norwich after his death, in which he is designated junior, on 21st August, 15th Jac. I., he was found to have died on 2nd May previous, seized of land late of Nicholas Mason, sixty-five acres and a half in Necton, fifty acres in Sparham and Necton, five acres more in Necton, and one moiety of the manor of *Isehallow*, and six acres called *Isehallow* in West Bradenham; also of sixty acres and eighteen acres in West Bradenham, and land in Sporle, and that Robert Miller als. Mason his son and heir was aged thirty-one years and upwards at his father's death.

At a court for the manor of Corbetts als. Churchmans in Necton, 14th October, 15th Jac., *William* was admitted under will to half an acre, to one acre, and to two acres in two pieces, which said Paul deceased took after the death of *Richard Miller als. Mason* his father, at court 15th October, 44th Elizabeth (1602), and to one acre at *Shodgate* which Paul took from Thomas Grigges and Agnes his wife at last-named court.

By deed dated at Necton 24th August, 16th Jac. (1618) Simon Collison, son and heir of John Collison late of Necton, yeoman, deceased, and of Johanne his wife, in pursuance of an indenture made between said Simon and William Miller als. Mason of Necton, yeoman, of same date, granted a close of pasture containing six acres in Necton, "in loco vocato *Le Reed*," which came to him under the will of his said father, to hold to said William Miller als. Mason and his heirs, &c.

In 1623, February 20th, Henry Cooke, Clk., and *Richard Miller als. Mason* surrendered half an acre and three roods of the tenement *Swaynes* to the use of Paul Robinson, his heirs, &c.

In 1624 John Miller als. Mason was bailiff of the manor of Necton.

At a court for the manor of Necton 10th November, 1 Car., 1625, on the surrender of Mary Rust, widow, and Edward Rust, Gent., passed out of court 8th November, *Richard Miller als. Mason* was admitted to two acres inclosed with a toft in *Mounds Toft*, with said Mary, which George Rust, Gent., her late husband, took for her life, with remainder to said Edward, on the surrender of Edward Rust, Gent., 12th Jac.; and afterwards Roger Brett released to said Richard all his right in the premises absolutely.

At a court for the manor of Necton, 3rd October, Ao. 2nd Car., 1626, the death of *Paul Miller als. Mason* was presented, and *Paul Miller als. Mason* his son and heir, aged fifty years and more, was then admitted to one acre and a half of the tenement *Joyes* in a quarantine called *Goswonge* in Necton, which Paul had from John Pettit 12th October, 16th Jac., and to three acres and a half of the tenement *Mawferas ad finem ville*, which Paul had from the surrender of Nicholas Miller als. Mason 7th June, 8th Elizabeth; one acre late of George Cristed in Necton, had from the surrender of Richard Miller als. Mason 11th November, 5th Elizabeth, and another acre from the grant of the lord 27th October, 7th Elizabeth; also three roods of the tenement *Benuralkan* in the quarantine apud *Goswonge*, which Paul took e. s. John Bonyng 9th April, 3rd and 4th Philip and Mary.

At a court for the same manor 2nd October, 4th Car. (1628) *Richard Miller als. Mason* was admitted on surrender of *John Miller als. Mason* to 11a. 1r. in divers pieces in the fields of Necton [part of the tenement *Wymondes* in *Deepemor Furlong*, other pieces in same half-acre in quarantine called *How Furlong*, another in *Gurbres*, one in *Nyneacre Furlong*, another in quarantine *super Greves*, another in quarantine *subter Ouldefeild*, &c.], which came to said John after the death of *Nicholas Miller als. Mason*, under his will as at court 12th April, 33rd Elizabeth.

At a court for the manor of Corbetts als. Churchmans in Necton, on 29th October, 1629, it was presented that on 30th September preceding John Miller als. Mason had surrendered one acre of the fee Gefferys in the field of Necton next the quarantine *Grubbes*, to the use of Richard Miller als. Mason, his heirs, &c., Richard being represented by William his brother. This acre came to John under the will of Richard his late father, 33rd Elizabeth.

At a court for the same manor, 15th October, 8th Car., 1632, *Richard Miller alias Mason* was admitted on surrender of Thomas Daynes to one acre and a half of land late of Paul Robinson.

At a court for the same manor on 9th April, 1633, a surrender was presented as passed by John Myller als. Mason, by the hands of Richard Miller als. Mason, of two pieces of land in Necton "jac' in clauso voc. *Calfax* prope stadio voc. *Sherbushe Furlong*," the other part of 8a. 1r. "nuper *Johis Mason* antea *Nicholai Mason* in stadio voc. *Staple Wonge*" inter *Nicholai*, &c.

From an entry in Necton manor it appears that the will of John Sherwood the father was dated 6th April, 1634, and that he gave to John his son his house and grass land, also 8a. 2r. of land adjoining, and other grass land for life, with remainder to his issue, and in default, &c., to Marrian Fearne, wife of Thomas Fearne, late of West Bradenham. At a court held 13th October, 10th Car., on the death of testator,

John Sherwood the son was, by *Richard Miller als. Mason*, his *gardian*, admitted to three acres of the tenement Robyns Dunn, built apud *Hares Grene*, containing 2a. 1r., which were on surrender of Edward Lovett, 30th Eliz., and to three roods in the quarantine *subtus Hooecroft*, which testator had of John Cristed 37th Elizabeth, and to half an acre in the quarantine *Braky Furlong*, next the tenement *Blotings*, also taken from John Cristead 37th Elizabeth, and to 6a. 1r. had on conditional surrender of *Paul Miller als. Mason* and Henry Crook, 38th Elizabeth, and 1a. 1r. of the tenement *Rents* in the quarantine *Ou'sowry*, taken on surrender of *Marie Miller als. Mason*, 9th Jac.; and one acre and a half in *stadio voc' De Snapps*, on surrender of Edward Wright, Gent., and Alice his wife, 14th Jac.; and to 7a. 1r. and one acre of the tenement *Collyns*, from Agnes Powly, 12th Jac.;<sup>1</sup> and one acre of the tenement *Olves Attmore* in *Steede Furlong*, purchased of Thomas Benson and Elizabeth his wife, late wife of *Henry Miller als. Mason*, under his will 14th Jac., of all which *Richard Miller als. Mason* was appointed guardian during minority.

By indenture dated 1st October, 10th Car. (1634), between John Moore of King's Lynn, gardener, and Dorothe his wife, Roger Slapp of Swaffham, yeoman, and Susanna his wife, Richard Alpe of Flitcham, yeoman, and Ann his wife, and Edward Case of Necton, butcher, and Clemence his wife, first part; Thomas Goodwyn of Southacre, yeoman, second part; William Parke of Necton, yeoman, third part; and *William Mason* of Necton, yeoman, fourth part, a fine was covenanted to be levied of houses and land in Swaffham, and a messuage called *Pentneys* containing three acres in Necton, which Roger Slapp had from John Slapp his late father; and also of a close containing six acres, called *Rede Close*, in Necton, next close of said *William Mason*, and to Brickell Close, and to Reade Close, of Edward Hawke, which Edward Case had purchased of Richard Alpe, which fine should remain as to *Pentneys* to the use of W. Parke in fee, as to *Rede Close* to the use of *William Mason* in fee, and as to the Swaffham premises to other uses.

At a court for the manor of Necton, 9th October, 11th Car. (1635) *Richard Miller als. Mason* was admitted on surrender of William Buncall to three roods of the tenement *Ulnes att More* in *stadio Nethersall* (before of Thomas Benson).

At a court for Necton manor, 15th October, 11th Car. (1635) *Richard Mason* was admitted on surrender by John Sherwood (passed before *William Mason*, a copyhold tenant) to three acres in Necton, two acres lying in the quarantine called *Standingdele*, and one acre in that called *Oldefield*.

At a court for the manor of Necton, 18th January, 11th Car. (1635-6) Thomas Benson and John Sherwood, son and heir of John Sherwood, late of Necton, deceased, surrendered a capital messuage called *Swaynes*, containing 5a. 3r., "apud *Hares Greene*" in Necton, and two acres in campo de Necton "prope *Hall Meare*," to the use of *Richard Miller als. Mason*, his heirs, &c., who was admitted; Benson being a mortgagee from Sherwood the father.

In 1636, by indenture dated 18th January, 11th Car., John Sherwood of Necton, cordwainer, devisee and son of John Sherwood late of Necton, yeoman, deceased, for £200, conveyed two acres in Necton Field in the furlong from *Stanelane* to *Blooting's Crosse*, and another acre in the same, and one acre of pasture in a place called *Lingthwaite*, and one acre of the tenement *Ovington* in a furlong called *Houndhill*, abutting on land sometime of William Hawke called *Brandispitt*; and one acre in *Stede Furlong*, on land late belonging to the *Chapel of St. Katherine*; also 4a. 3r. in Necton Field, sometime in six, now in four pieces [(1) in furlong from *Eldern Stubble* to Sparham, (2) in furlong from Mill Way, (3) in furlong from *Shodgate*, and (4) in furlong from the *Two Crutches* to the mill], to hold to Richard Miller als. Mason of Necton, yeoman, in fee.

By indenture dated 24th March, 12th Car. (1637) Edward Hawke of London, Gent., for £171, enfeoffed *Richard Miller als. Mason* of Necton, Gent., of seven acres in the furlong between *Le Heaveds*, &c., and

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<sup>1</sup> In 1612 one acre in *Longthwaite* had been conveyed by feoffment, from William Powlye, son of Agnes, to John Sherwood.

2a. 1r. in the furlong *under Hull Croft*, and three roods, copyhold; also five acres in *Short Furlong*, and half an acre in furlong Long, late . . . . . and one acre, and 1a. 1r. in *Brake Furlong*, and some other acres; all which came to Edward Hawke after the death of Edward Hawke, Gent., his father, to hold to said Richard Miller als. Mason, his heirs, &c. Witnessed by *Paul Mason* and *William Mason* [the latter by mark].

By indenture dated 13th October, 13th Car. (1637) Alice Wright of Skarning, widow, late wife of John Wright, late of Skarning, deceased, sometime wife of Henry Skepper of Necton, yeoman, deceased, and Thomas Scott of Thetford, tanner, late husband of Joane, who was sole daughter and heir of said Henry Skepper, and Henry Scott, son and heir of said Joane, for £80, enfeoffed to *William Mason* of Necton, yeoman, three acres and a half in Necton and Sparham in four pieces [(1) half an acre in the Field of Necton, in a furlong from *Two Chrutches* to the mill, abutting on way from *Goswong Crosse* to Sporle; (2) in a furlong above Nethersall; (3) half an acre of meadow in Sparham Meadow als. More, abutting on *Pillwood*; (4) meadow in Sparham], all which Henry Skepper had of Anthony Cockett, Gent., late lord of the manor of Sparham, 33rd Elizabeth; also five roods had of Richard Miller als. Mason, 32nd Elizabeth, and all which said Alice Wright had from her said husband Skepper, in jointure for life, with remainder to Joane as heir of her father, and Thomas Scott by the curtesy, to hold to William Mason, his heirs, &c. Edward Mason a witness.

In 1637 *William Mason* was enfeoffed by Thomas Scott of Thetford, and Henry Scott his son, and Alice Wright of Scarning, widow, in some land, not described, as appears by her power of attorney dated 14th October in that year, 13th Car.

By deed dated 30th October, 13th Car., 1637, *Paul Miller* als. *Mason* of Necton, yeoman, enfeoffed Paul Robinson of Swaffham, farmer, in two acres and a half in *Plumbetree Furlong*, and half an acre in *Sleede Furlong*.

#### In Roïlo Compoz de Subs'.

Hundred' de South Greenhoe, &c.

RICUS MASON als. Miller, gen' COLL' primi' et secundi subs' quatuor integroz subs' dño nřo nunc regi Carolo A°, &c., xvj<sup>to</sup> aliud infra hundř p'lla concess' Redd' r' compōi de et ccc iiij<sup>xx</sup> vjl. xiijs. iiijd. p'dict coll' recept de par p'me et secunda subs infra hundred p'da sec' assess' et taxat. Vz exon'at de ccc iiij<sup>xx</sup> jli. xvjs. xd. ina cōtra dict suma solut. est Robto Bateman d'coz jbes dat. xix<sup>mo</sup> die maij et vij<sup>o</sup> die Junij anno d'ni MDCxlj<sup>o</sup> a recepcōne p'z ad viam collectur p' feod suo humtin p feod comisea subcoll, ciiijli. xvjs. vjd. vn in xta rat' iijd. de libra scdn vim firma et effectū actus p'liament concession subs' p'di. [Most difficult to read.]

Isaac Pennington in duebz Joes vel receptoz p'miss p'ut p' l'ras acquid'.

In 1641 John Slapp the elder of Necton, yeoman, being seized for life of a messuage and four acres copyhold of the manor of Necton, and of four acres and a half in Necton at a place called *Briskland*, the reversion of which belonged to John Slapp the younger, the son of said John; the same were by deed dated 20th March, 16th Car., released to the use of *Richard Miller* als. *Mason*, his heirs, &c., who was admitted and leased all the premises to Slapp the elder for forty years at a peppercorn rent.

In 1641, John Hancock of Reymerston, Gent., by deed dated 29th November, 17th Car., for £80, sold to *John Mason* of Necton, Gent., his chattels, household stuff, &c., in schedule.

In 1642 William Walker of Necton, linen weaver, by deed dated 7th June, 18th Car., enfeoffed *William Miller* als. *Mason* of Necton in a parcel of land in *Nethersowre* in Necton, to hold in fee.

In 1643 *Ralph Mason* of Necton, Gent., was feoffee with others from Philip Cooke of Necton, yeoman, and Mary his wife, for Thomas Freeman.

In 1646 George Andrews of Necton, carpenter, by deed dated 5th November, 22nd Car., conveyed to *John Miller* als. *Mason* half an acre of land in the field of Necton, purchased of Stephen Whittered.

At a court for the manor of Sparham in Necton, 29th April, 1647, the death of *Richard Mason* was

presented, and that *John Mason*, aged twenty years, was his son and heir; and at a court on 7th November, 1649, John being of full age was admitted to one acre and a half of copyhold, which Richard took after the death of *Paul Mason* his father.

In 1647, *William Miller als. Mason* of Necton, yeoman, conveyed to Owen Pretheroe of North Pickenham, Gent., 10a. 2r. of land and pasture in several pieces in Necton, which "*Richardus Miller als. Mason, frater meus*, nuper defunctus perquisivit de Johanne Sherwood nuper de Necton, cordwainer, et Brigitta uxore sua" ut per Indent' 10th January, Ao. 11th Car.

In 1648, by deed dated 2nd February, 23rd Car., Robert Pratt of Houghton, yeoman, enfeoffed Thomas Booth of North Pickenham, Clk., in 10a. 3r. in Necton, which *Richard Miller als. Mason*, late of Necton, yeoman, deceased, purchased of John Sherwood and Brigitt his wife, by deed 18th June, 11th Car. *William Miller als. Mason* a witness, signed by mark +.

At a court for the manor of Necton, 2nd October, 24th Car., the death of *Paul Miller als. Mason* was found, and Ann Lovett, wife of Joseph Lovett, only daughter and heir of said Paul, was admitted to one acre and a half in *Gooswong*, to three acres and a half of the tenement *Mawfries*, to one acre late of George Cristead, to half an acre and two roods of the tenement *Benwalkyn* in the quarantine called *Gooswong*, which the said Paul took after the death of Paul his late father, 3rd October, 2nd Car.; and also to two acres and a half and to four acres and a half in two pieces, and one acre and a half, which Paul the son took from Edward Hawke, Gent., in 14th Car. [Of the latter, part was of the tenement *Townland*, and part of tenement *Lolls*, and part of the tenement *Pluescroft Moore* in the quarantine *Churchcroft*, "a *Gooswong* usque *Sparham styte*, prope *Gooswong ditch* et melius cum prato voc. *Bouning*."] ]

Joseph Lovett of St. Lawrence Lane in the city of London, grocer, gave his bond to *John Miller als. Mason* of Necton, Gent., dated 10th February, 1650, for £80, for performance of covenants by Lovett and Anne his wife, in indenture of same date.

By indenture dated 20th November, 1654, Edward Rust the elder of Necton, Gent., for £82. 10s. granted fifteen acres of arable land, in nine pieces, in the town and fields of Necton (which had descended to him as heir of Edward Rust, late of Necton, deceased, by whom same were purchased of Edward Hawke), to hold to *John Mason* of Necton, Gent., his heirs, &c.

In an entry in the manor of Necton, 20th December, 1654, it is recorded that Maria Miller als. Mason surrendered three roods of land, parcel of one acre of the tenement *Blogg att Moore*, late of Richard Alleyne "in stadio vocat' *Middle Fall*," which he took for her life on the surrender of *Nicholas Miller als. Mason, her late husband*, deceased, to the use of William Bunckall.

By deed dated 29th January, 1656, Thomas Cricke and Philipp Croke, both of Necton, yeomen, executors of the will of Xpofer Scarlett, deceased, dated 29th October, 1655, by which he directed his seven roods in the field of Necton to be sold, conveyed same to *Richard Mason*, Gent., for £12. *John Mason* a witness.

Edward Rust of Necton, Gent., entered into a bond to *Richard Mason* for £100, dated 8th November, 1658, for performance of covenants contained in indenture of same date.

At a court for the manor of Necton, 5th November, 13th Car. II., 1661, *John Mason*, Gent., was admitted on surrender of Robert Greene of Ansonny, Hants., son and heir of Thomas Green, late of Necton, deceased (passed 17th December, 1660), to a pigtle in Necton containing 3a. 2r., called *Mason's Close*, which said Thomas held in reversion after the death of Fidis (Faith) late wife of Thomas, and before wife of Hillary Large, from surrender of William Slapp.

By indenture between Thomas Maye of Saham Tonye, hop dryer, and Paul Miller alias Mason of Necton, yoman, for £9. 10s., a grove of wood and pasture, one acre in *West Braddenham*, between pasture called *Wattens*, sometime of Roger Mowbray, Gent., now of Wentworth Bradbury, Gent., and land late of Ezekiel Ward, and abutting on *Slayne Way* north, which, with other land, said Maye had of Raphe Cory of North Pickenham, tailor, by deed 23rd September, 3rd Jac., and said Raphe Cory of John Munshawe and Johane his wife, by deed 16th February, 2nd Jac., and fine, to hold to said Paule Miller als. Mason in mortgage for £9. 10s.

In 1663 *William Mason* of Necton, Gent., was trustee of a marriage settlement of *John Robinson* of Necton, single man, and *Elizabeth Clarke* of Shipdham, widow, dated 23rd December, 15th Car. II., of two acres in Mill Hill Close, and seven acres and a half in Necton Field, and one acre and a half in North Field, devised by will of *Paul Robinson* the father, dated 2nd April, 1662.

On 2nd December, 1673, *John Wentland* of Holme Hale, yeoman, entered into a bond to *John Mason* of Necton, Gent., for performance of covenants in mortgage.

By indenture dated 20th August, Ao. 1st Jac. II. (1685), *William Mason* of *Castleacre*, Gent., mortgaged a messuage and several acres of land in *Castleacre* to *John Mason* of Necton, Gent., for security of £300 and interest.

And *Richard Mason* of Necton, Gent., 1st June, 1686, gave his bond to *Nicholas Helwis*, Gent., to accompany indenture of mortgage of same date, to him.

In 1689, *Richard Mason, sen.*, of Necton, Gent., and *Richard Mason, jun.*, entered into bond to *John Mason* of *Carbrook*, Gent., dated 9th January, 1st William and Mary, for performance of covenants in indenture of that date.

At a court for the same manor, 29th October, 3rd William and Mary, 1691, *John Mason* of Necton, Gent., was admitted on surrender of *Philip Scarlett* to one acre in the close called *Anthony's* in Necton, which came to said *Philip* by the will of *William* his late brother, deceased, at court 16th December, 1690; and *John Mason* did fealty for divers freehold lands and tenements purchased of *Scarlett*.

*RICHARD MASON, Esq.*, of Necton, served the office of High Sheriff of the county of Norfolk for the year 1697-8, and appointed *William Davy* of Mileham, Gent., his Under-Sheriff, who, by deed dated 27th December, 1697, covenanted to indemnify *Mason* and his representatives from all fines, amercements, pains, penalties, forfeitures, &c., to be imposed on the Sheriff touching his said office; and to discharge all the duties of the office as to judges, juries, prisoners, &c., and to attend Quarter Sessions, &c. This very long deed, executed by both parties, is sealed with the arms of *Davy* and *Mason*, each having a counter seal bearing the impression of two doves billing, and attested by *Thomas Hoogan* and two others.

Bearing the same date, is the bond of *Simon Ollyett* of Aylsham, Gent., *Simon Ollyett, jun.*, *William Woolfe* of Norwich, woolcomber, and *John Ogden* of Norwich, worsted weaver, to *Richard Mason* in £500, conditioned for the due performance by *Simon Ollyett*, as deputy to said *Richard Mason*, of the office of gaoler in the county of Norfolk under *Mason*; so long as he should be Sheriff, and for the custody of all prisoners within the castle of Norwich and elsewhere, wherein prisoners should be committed. The execution by each of the obligees is witnessed by *Robert Haslewood*, the seal of each having the impression as above of the two doves. *Richard Mason, Esq.*, dying intestate, administration was granted to *Frances* his widow.

By indenture dated 24th August, 9th George I., 1722, *Frances Mason* of Necton, widow, the relict of *Richard Mason* late of Necton, Esq., deceased, gave a lease to *William Mason* of Necton, Gent., of all her messuages, farms, and lands in Necton, West Bradenham, and Holme Hale, all late in the occupation of said *Richard*, also a messuage and lands in Necton in occupation of *John Priest*; except and reserved to her so long as she inhabit and dwell in the same, the manor-house or capital messuage in Necton in her own occupation, for sixteen years at £205 yearly rent. Indorsed, "And<sup>v</sup>. *Mason* to Mr. *Will. Mason*," &c.

1725, June 24th. *Thomas Mason* of Swaffham, grocer, and *John Mason* of Necton, Gent., parties to deed.

Will of *Thomas Mason* of Swaffham, Gent., dated 29th September, 1741. To daughter *Mary Mason*; to daughter *Susanna*, and son *William Mason*; wife *Mary Mason*. Brother *William Mason* his sole executor. Proved April 1st, 1748.

Will of *William Mason* of Necton, Esq., dated 28th March, 1755. To niece *Mary Marcon*; to niece *Susanna Mason*; to nephew *William Mason* (he under twenty-four). Names *Mary Mason*, widow of brother *Thomas*. Proved 1st August, 1755.

1761-2, 2nd George III. Act of Parliament for sale and exchange of part of estates of late *William*

Mason, Esq., stated that William Mason had three sons by Elizabeth his wife, William, Thomas, and John; that Mary Marcon, by John Marcon her husband, had three sons and one daughter, John Marcon, Edmund Mason Marcon, Thomas Marcon, and Mary Marcon; that Susanna was wife of Francis Columbine and had two sons and one daughter, Francis Columbine, Peter Columbine, and Susanna Columbine.

William Mason, Esq., by his will dated 15th February, 1806, devised to his son William Mason of Thorpe next Norwich, Esq., all his manors and real estate, charged with annuities and legacies, and amongst them legacies to "Lydia my daughter, known by the name of Lydia Jackson"; to Henry my son, known by the name of Henry Jackson; to Harriet my daughter, known by the name of Harriet Jackson. Hamond Alpe of Hardingham, and Sigismund Trafford of Lakenham, Esq., trustees. Proved 16th April, 1807, P. C. C., by son William the sole executor.

The latter, as William Mason of Necton, Esq., by his will, dated 22nd March, 1828, after referring to indentures dated 24th and 25th October, 1787, and settlement on the marriage of testator with Elizabeth his wife and recovery suffered in pursuance thereof, by which the manor of Sparham and Corbetts otherwise Churchmans, and the freehold part of capital mansion-house, messuages, farms, &c., in Necton, Holme Hale, West Bradenham, Sparham in Necton, Great Fransham, and North Pickenham, of the annual value of £1217. 10s., were settled after the decease of his late father and himself, subject to an annuity of £400 to his said wife, to such sons and heirs of the body of her, and with such charges and remainders over as he the testator should by deed or will appoint, and in which was contained a covenant to surrender the copyholds to the like uses; and reciting a deed dated 1st October, 1821, by which he had appointed parts of the estates to the use of William Mason, his eldest son, in fee simple; the testator by his will, in further execution of the power, appointed the manor and other hereditaments (including copyhold and allotted lands, and subject to the said annuity of £400) to the use of his said son William in fee. He also devised his estate at Great and Little Dunham to his son George Mason in fee, charged with £1300 payable to his daughter Henrietta Katherine Sumner for her separate use. Also to his son William the manor of Necton and all real estate not before devised, subject to payment of debts and legacy of £500 to wife: William also sole residuary legatee.

By a codicil dated 23rd June, 1830, the testator, referring to the devises contained in the will, and that the manor, &c., last devised were subject to a mortgage and interest, discharged the estate in Great and Little Dunham from payment of the legacy to his daughter Sumner, and charged the manor of Necton and other hereditaments devised to son William exclusively with the mortgage in discharge of Dunham from the same, and charged the manor and estates devised to William with Mrs. Sumner's legacy. And by another codicil, dated 10th July, 1835, he revoked the devise of Dunham to son George, and gave him £6000 instead, charging all his real estate with the payment. Testator died 14th August, 1835. The will and codicils were proved at Doctors' Commons on 15th December following.

The widow died 12th January, 1849. William Mason, Esq., the eldest son and first devisee above named, became Captain and Lieut.-Colonel of the East Norfolk Militia. He served the office of High Sheriff of the County in 1830, and died unmarried in the year 1865, when he was succeeded by his brother George, who had in accordance with the will of Francis Blomefield, afterwards alluded to, taken the name of Blomefield. He was also Lieut.-Colonel in the Militia, and died unmarried 18th June, 1871.

Of the family of Mason I have the following further Evidences, collateral with those preceding.

Will of *Edmund Mason* of Holme Hale, dated 7th July, 1562. Names sons Christopher (under twenty-one), Robert, John, George (executor), daughters Ursula, Agnes, Jone, Barbara, and Agnes the younger. Proved 22nd July, 1563, Cur. Epis. Norw.

Will of *Nicholas Mason* of Necton, yeoman, dated 10th March, 33rd Elizabeth (1590-1). Names wife Mary, son Henry Miller alias Mason, son John Miller alias Mason (apparently eldest son and executor), son



Nicholas Miller alias Mason; brethren William Skarlett and Paul Mason; daughter Mary Miller alias Mason, granddaughter Ann Hawke, daughter of William Hawke and Agnes his wife. Prob. 9th April, 1591, Cur. Epis.

Will of Richard Miller alias Mason, junior, dated 16th May, 1595, proved 26th, Cur. Epis. Norw.

Will of *Richard Miller alias Mason* of Necton, yeoman, dated 8th June, 1600. Names Alice Miller alias Mason, daughter of his late son Richard (under twenty-one); his son Paul Miller alias Mason and his children; Lucy Miller alias Mason, daughter of his brother Paul; other children of Paul, not named (some under twenty-one); his brother-in-law Henry Renne and Jeane his wife; children of Thomas Miller alias Mason, testator's kinsman (some under twenty-one); Richard Mason's children (under twenty-one); nephew Nicholas Miller alias Mason; children of nephew John Mason (under twenty-one); brother-in-law William Estrowe's children; wife Joan (living), and son-in-law William Secker. Proved 17th March, 1601, by son Paul Miller alias Mason, executor, Cur. Archd. Norf.

Will of *Henry Miller alias Mason* of Necton, yeoman, dated 1st February, 1613. Mentions mother living, wife Elizabeth, and son Robert. Proved 10th March, 1613, by his relict, Archd. Norf.

Will of *Paul Miller alias Mason* of Necton, yeoman, dated 1st May, 1617.<sup>1</sup> Names, as living, son Paul, daughters Joane, Jane, and Margaret, his uncle Paul, and cousin John Mason. Prob. Cur. Prærog. Cant. 28th June following (1617) by Richard Miller alias Mason and William Miller alias Mason, his sons, the executors.

Will of *Thomas Miller alias Mason* proved Prærog. Court, 1625.

Will of *Richard Miller alias Mason* of Necton, yeoman, dated 19th September, 1635. Names wife Ann, son Richard, eldest son John, daughters Priscilla and Philippa (all under twenty-one); Jane Case his sister's daughter; his brother William Mason's children; his brother-in-law Philip Crooke. Signed "Richd. Mason." Proved 30th May, 1645, by Anne his relict, the executrix, Cur. Ep. Norw.

Will of *Edward Mason* of Necton, proved Archd. Norf., 1642. Administration to William Miller alias Mason<sup>2</sup> granted 30th August 1651, and to Elizabeth his widow, Cur. Prærog. Cant.

In 1659 we have had from the Court Books the name of William Mason and Mary his wife, who in 1651 was Mary Sharpe.

Will of *Ann Miller alias Mason* of Necton, widow, dated 23rd April, 1662. Names her son John Miller alias Mason executor; son-in-law Owen Pretheroe of Great Palgrave, Gent.; Ann Cooper, her niece and goddaughter; Thomas Handcock her godson; John Mason her nephew; grandchildren, William Pretheroe, Priscilla, Ann, and Amy Pretheroe. Codicil dated 20th August, 1666. Eliz. Mason witness to will and codicil. Prob. 28th August, 1666, Archd. Norf.

Will of *Elizabeth Miller alias Mason* of Shipdham, widow, dated 15th February, 1672. Names sons William and John; grandchildren, Ann Miller als. Mason, Elizabeth Miller als. Mason, John Hancocke, and Thomas Packe (several under twenty-one); daughter Hancocke and her husband living. Died at Carbrook. Will proved 23rd January, 1679, by son John, Archd. Norf.

Richard Mason, the son of William Mason by his wife Elizabeth (daughter and heir of John Gay, Clk., and Ann his wife) was a minor in 1679, and of full age in 1694, but in 1703 was dead, leaving Elizabeth, wife of Nicholas Tinkler, and William Bilby, son and heir of Ann Bilby, deceased, wife of Thomas Bilby, his sisters and coheirs. William Bilby was dead in 1733, s. p., and Mrs. Tinkler was succeeded in 1741 by William Mason, Esq., as kinsman and heir.

Will of *William Mason* of Castleacre, Gent., dated 28th August, 1688, (proved same year). Names kinsman John Mason of Necton, Gent., his brother Richard Mason, Gent., son Richard, daughters Ann, Elizabeth, and Grace. Archd. Norf.

<sup>1</sup> See inquisition post mortem, before referred to, p. 145.

<sup>2</sup> At the Court Lete for East Dereham, 2nd October, 1644, "William Mason de Nayton was fined for selling meal at Dereham by unlawful measure."



Administration to *Ann Mason alias Bilby*, late of Necton, granted to Thomas Bilby her husband, 11th August, 1689, Archd. Norf.

Will of *Richard Mason* of Necton, Gent., dated 19th August, 1691. Names nephew Richard Mason, son of his late deceased brother William Mason; Elizabeth, wife of Nicholas Tinkler, sister of said Richard the nephew; kinsmen Robert Alpe and godson Philip Alpe. Proved 8th September, 1691.

Will of *John Mason* of Necton, Gent., dated 22nd November, 1692. "I doe give, &c., all other my messuages, lands, &c., in Necton, West Bradenham, Reymerston, Yaxham, Whinborow, Westfield, or Shipdham, and Holme Hale (those in Carbrook and Ovington excepted), to my kinsman Robert Mason of Necton, Gent.," for life, and the heirs male of his body, &c., remainder to John Mason of Carbrook, Gent., for life, and then to the heirs male of his body, &c., with remainder to the right heirs of testator. He also names children of his kinswoman Mrs. Alpe, wife of Robert Alpe of Little Fransham, viz., Philip, Anne, Robert, and William. Real estates devised in tail, remainder to John of Carbrook. Proved 6th July, 1694, Archd. Norf. The remainder to John took effect, upon whose death in November, 1713, Richard his son succeeded. John Mason, the devisee, was admitted to copyhold land in Holme Hale on surrender of Thomas Wentlond in 1694.

Will of Richard Mason of Necton, Esq., dated 8th September, 1702. Devised to his uncle John Mason of Carbrook; gave a horse to John Pell of Dersingham, Esq., a watch to Ann, wife of said John Pell, and a pecuniary legacy to Mary their daughter. Proved 18th June, 1703, by John Mason the uncle and executor, P. C. C.

Will of John Mason of Necton, Gent., dated 9th September, 1710. Devised to son *John* property at Carbrook late his (testator's) mother's, also property there late of William Scott; mentioned property at Ovington purchased of his brother Richard Mason, and his cousin Richard Mason; directed lands to be purchased for his son William. Proved 16th December, 1712, Archd. Norf.

Thomas Hancock by his will in 1717 gave, upon the decease of his wife and others, land in *Reymerstone* to *Thomas Mason* of Swaffham, grocer,<sup>1</sup> youngest son of testator's uncle *John Mason* of Necton.

*Paul Miller alias Mason* of Necton, yeoman, died 2nd May, 15th Jac. I. (1617), seized of land late of *Nicholas Mason*, sixty-five acres and a half of land in Necton, fifty acres in Sparham and Necton, five acres in Necton, and one moiety of the *Manor of Ishall*, and sixty-six acres called *Ishall in West Bradenham*; also of sixty acres and eighteen acres in West Bradenham, and land in Sporle, having made his will the previous day (1st May, 15th Jac.).<sup>2</sup> *Richard Miller alias Mason* was his son and heir, and aged thirty-one years and upwards at the death of his father.—Esc. 15th Jac., p. 32, n. 75.

In 1730 Richard Mason, an infant, was admitted under Decree in Chancery to nine acres in Holme Hale, between lands of manor of *Ishalls* and rectory lands, which John Mann, deceased, took after death of Richard in 1646.

In 1735 the death of *Richard Mason, Esq.*, was found at Holme Hale court, and *William Mason, Esq.*, his next heir. On the death of the latter (1756) *William Mason, Esq.*, was found nephew and heir-at-law, and only surviving grandson of John Mason late of Carbrook, Gent., deceased. He was admitted to copyhold in Holme Hale in tail male, John Downes and Richard Dashwood, Esq., being guardians.

Richard Mason was High Sheriff of Norfolk, 1697, ut supra.

Under decree in Chancery made 17th December, 1771, in causes between *Richard Mason*, an infant, and *John Mason*, Gent., querents, and *Frances Mason*, widow, defendant, and between *Frances*, the widow, querent, and *Richard*, the infant, by his guardian, defendant, the said infant was admitted to copyholds without prejudice to his mother's right of dower, and Gibson Lucas, Esq., was appointed receiver of rents on behalf of same.

In the manor of Bokenham Hall, in 1781, *William Mason, Esq.*, was admitted to copyhold land in Necton on surrender of Edward Sharpin of Holt, M.D.

<sup>1</sup> The will of this Thomas Mason has been abstracted supra.

<sup>2</sup> See abstract of will supra.

FRANCIS BLOMEFIELD of Swaffham, Gent., by his will dated 14th June, 1813, gave his estates at Fersfield, Bressingham, Necton, &c., to his wife Ann for life, remainder to *Henry Mason, son of William Mason* of Necton, Esq., for life, &c.; remainder in default of issue male of Henry to *George Mason*, son of said William, and in default of issue of him, to Thomas Womack Leeds (the youngest son of Thomas Leeds of Beck Hall) in special tail male; remainder to the youngest son of the Rev. George Leonard Jenyns of Bottisham Hall, Cambridge, in fee. Each person succeeding to take the name and arms of Blomefield. Legacies to cousins Alice Blomefield, spinster, and Piddock Blomefield of Aylsham, Esq.; also to cousin Sarah Clarke and others.<sup>1</sup> Proved 9th September, 1817.

#### IN NORTH PICKENHAM.

March 13th, Ao. 33rd Elizabeth. "Paulus Miller als. Mason, junior, de Necton, single man," granted to Richard Mason "fratre meo" de Necton, yeoman, one capital messuage vocat *Lawes*, and divers pieces of land there named and described, which the said Paul had with Paul his father, late of Necton, yeoman, deceased, from the grant of Ralph Bagge of Cockley Cley.

In 1617 King James I. granted licence, tested at Westminster Ao. R. 15th, to Paul Miller als. Mason, jun., to alienate a capital messuage called *Lawes*, with eleven pieces of land, containing thirteen acres, in North Pickenham, holden of the king in capite, and for Richard to hold and enjoy the same.

#### IN YAXHAM.

In pursuance of indenture dated 2nd May, 18th Car., 1642, between Philip Woodhouse, Esq., and Richard Miller als. Mason of Necton, Gent., copyholds of the Manor of East Dereham were surrendered from the said Phillipp Woodhouse, Esq., son and heir of Sir Thomas Woodhouse of Kimberlie, Knight and Baronet, to the use of John Miller als. Mason, the eldest son of said Richard, his heirs, &c. And on the same day, in the manor of Cossey, John Mason surrendered to the use of his will.

The Masons' estate in Yaxham and Whinbergh, by the marriage of Mary, daughter of Thomas Mason of Swaffham, with John Marcon, passed into the possession of the Marcon family, and is now held by Lieut.-Col. John Marcon of Watlington.

#### IN FRANSHAM, &c.

4th George III. In the Act for inclosing lands in Great Fransham, Little Fransham, and North Pickenham, allotments were made to William Mason, Esq.

	A.	R.	P.
In Great Fransham (1st) . . . . .	65	1	0
"      "      (2nd) . . . . .	123	2	0
In Little Fransham . . . . .	187	3	20
In North Pickenham . . . . .			

<sup>1</sup> Francis Blomefield, Esq., "nephew and the last male heir of the Rev. Francis Blomefield, Author of the History of this County," died 26th February, 1817, æt. 76; Ann Blomefield his wife, March 1st, 1836, æt. 79.—Monument in Swaffham church.

Mrs. Mason and Alice Blomefield were the Historian's surviving children.—See Pedigrees of MASON and BLOMEFIELD.

## EXTRACTS FROM NECTON PARISH REGISTERS.

*Baptisms.*

Agnes Miller, daughter of Nicholas, bapt. 11 April, 1560.  
 Alice, daughter of Richard Mason, 3 Nov., 1560.  
 Ann Miller, daughter of Nicholas, 16 April, 1561.  
 Paul Mason, son of Richard and Joan, 16 Aug., 1562.  
 John Mason, son of Nichols. and Ann, 3 Jan., 1562-3.  
 James Mason, son of Richard and Joan, 18 May, 1564.  
 Cecily Miller, daur. of Nichols. and Anne, 24 June, 1565.  
 Richard Miller, son of Richard Miller alias Mason and Joan his wife, 2 Dec., 1565.  
 James Miller, son of Nichols. Miller als. Mason and Ann, 26 July, 1567.  
 Nicholas Miller, son of Nichols. Miller als. Mason and Ann, same day.  
 William Miller, son of Richard Miller als. Mason and Joan, 15 Aug., 1568.  
 Katherine Miller, da. of Thomas Miller als. Mason and Margaret, 16 Jan, 1568-9.  
 Henry Miller, son of Nicholas Miller als. Mason and Mary, 1 Oct., 1570.  
 Agnes Miller, da. of Thos. Miller als. Mason and Margaret, 28 Jan., 1570-1.  
 Martha Miller, da. of Paul Miller als. Mason and Alice his wife, 10 April, 1572.  
 Mary Miller, da. of Paul Miller als. Mason and Alice, 10 Dec., 1572.  
 William Miller, son of Thos. Miller als. Mason, 21 Dec., 1572.  
 John and Nichols. Miller, sons of Nicholas and Mary Miller, 11th September, 1573.  
 Paul Miller, son of Paul Miller alias Mason, 22 Feb., 1573-4.  
 Nicholas, son of Nicholas and Mary Miller, 1 Nov., 1574.  
 Richard, son of Thomas and Margaret Miller, 21 Nov., 1574.  
 Lucie, da. of Paul Miller als. Mason and Alice, 24 June, 1576.  
 William Mason, son of Paul Mason and Alice, 10 Feb., 1577-8.  
 Martha Mason, da. of Thomas and Margaret, 24 June, 1578.  
 Mary Mason, da. of Nicholas and Mary, 20 July, 1578.  
 Thomas Mason, son of Thoms. and Margt., ult. June, 1579.  
 Henry, son of Paul and Alice Mason, 18 Nov., 1579.  
 Daniel, son of Paul Miller als. Mason the elder, 2 Dec., 1582.  
 Joan, da. of Paul Miller the elder and Alice, 7 Nov., 1584.  
 Richard, son of Paul Miller als. Mason, junr., and Joane his wife, 27 May, 1585.  
 Mary, da. of Thos. Miller als. Mason and Margaret, 20 March, 1585-6.  
 Joane, da. of Paul Miller als. Mason the elder and Alice, 5 June, 1586.  
 Stephen, son of Paul Mason the younger and Joan, 22 Oct., 1587.  
 Joan, da. of Paul Miller als. Mason and Joan, 16 March, 1588.  
 Richard, son of Paul Miller alias Mason the elder and Alice, 18 Jan., 1589-90.  
 Paul, son of Paul Miller als. Mason, jun., and Joan, 18 April, 1591.  
 Cislle, da. of Paul Miller als. Mason, jun., and Joan, 7 Jan., 1592-3.  
 Nicholas, son of Paul Miller als. Mason, sen., and Alice, 10 Aug., 1593.  
 Edward, son of John and Mary Mason, 30 Sept., 1593.  
 William, son of Paul Miller als. Mason, jun., and Joan, 21 April, 1594.  
 Alice, da. of Richd. Miller als. Mason and Elizabeth his wife, 7 July, 1594.  
 Elizabeth, da. of Paul Miller als. Mason, sen., and Alice, 23 March, 1595.  
 Jane, da. of Paul Miller als. Mason, jun., and Joane, 25 July, 1596.  
 Susan, da. of same, 29 Aug., 1596.  
 Nicholas, son of John Miller als. Mason and Mary his wife, 24 Oct., 1596.

William, son of Paul Miller als. Mason the elder, 11 Feb., 1598-9.  
 Robert, son of John Mason and Katherine his wife, 18 Feb., 44 Eliz.  
 Peter, son of Paul Mason, sen., and Alice, 21 April, 1606.<sup>1</sup>  
 Priscilla, da. of Richd. Mason and Ann his wife, 25 April, 1624.  
 John, son of Richd. Miller als. Mason and Ann his wife, 6 May, 1627.  
 Anne, da. of William Miller als. Mason and Elizabeth his wife, 20 April, 1627.  
 John, son of same [date not entered.]  
 Maria, da. of Edward Mason and Alice his wife, 21 June, 1629.  
 Philippa, da. of William Miller als. Mason and Mary his wife, 29 April, 1630.  
 Philip, da. of Richd. Mason and Ann his wife, 8 Jan., 1631.  
 Richard, son of William Mason and Elizabeth his wife, — March, 1631-2.  
 Daniel, son of William Mason and Marie his wife, — Jan., 1632.  
 Thomas, son of Peter Mason and Christian his wife, 7 April, 1632-3.  
 Edward, son of Edward Mason and Alice his wife, Feb. 16, 1633.

#### *Marriages.*

Richard Mason and Agnes Bateman, 7 Jan., 1559-60.  
 Henry Raine and Jane Mason, 16 June, 1560.  
 Richard Mason and Joan Kyne, widow, 6 Nov., 1560.  
 George Mason and Mary Skepp, 14 Nov., 1563.  
 Edmund Colles and Katherine Mason, 10 June, 1564.  
 Gregory Beckett and Mary Mason, 6 Aug., 1564.  
 Richard Mason and Margaret Lovett, widow, 11 July, 1566.  
 Thomas Mason and Margaret Brand, 30 May, 1568.  
 Paul Miller als. Mason and Alice Hawke, both single, 14 Oct., 1571.  
 William Hawke and Agnes Miller als. Mason, 1 Oct., 1581.  
 Richard Munson and Marie Miller als. Mason, 19 July, 1590.  
 John Miller als. Mason and Marie Browne, 25 May, 1591.  
 Anthonie Hamond and Agnes Mason, 22 Nov., 1591.  
 Thomas Mason, widower, and Catharine Burlingham, single, 12 Nov., 1599.  
 Thomas Graye and Lucie Mason, 12 Oct., 1600.  
 Daniel Miller als. Mason and Ann Greene, 7 July, 1611.  
 Paul Mason and Mary Rust, 2 Oct., 1614.  
 Richd. Miller als. Mason and Ann Scott, 4 Aug., 1618.  
 Edward Case and Jane Mason, 16 Dec., 1623.  
 William Mason and Elizabeth Scott, 19th Dec., 1625.  
 William Mason and Marie Mason, 23 Sept., 1627.  
 Edward Barker and Ann Mason, 20 June, 1630.  
 Philip Crooke and Margaret Mason, 20 Oct., 1630.  
 William Brygtmer and Mercy Mason, 2 Nov., 1639.  
 John Mason and Cecily Clarke, 20 Oct., 1652.  
 Thomas Nurse and Mary Mason, Feb. 27., 1687-8.

#### *Burials.*

Paul Mason the elder, 30 May, 1559.  
 Maria, da. of Nicholas Miller alias Mason, 22 May, 1561.  
 Anne, the wife of Richard Miller als. Mason, 15 Sept., 1561.

<sup>1</sup> Some baptisms between 1606 and 1627 not extracted.

Jane, daur. of Richard Miller als. Mason, 1 June, 1563.  
 Cicely, da. of Nichols. Miller als. Mason, 9 May, 1566.  
 Mother Miller, widow, 9 May, 1566.  
 James, son of Nichols. Miller als. Mason, 27 July, 1567.  
 Anne, wife of Nichols. Miller als. Mason, 28 July, 1567.  
 Nicholas, son of Nichols. Miller als. Mason, 6 May, 1568.  
 Martha, da. of Richd. Miller als. Mason, 11 April, 1572.  
 William, son of same, 27 June, 1572.  
 John and Nichols., sons of Nicholas Miller, 12 Sept., 1573.  
 Robert, son of Thomas Mason, 24 Aug., 1580.  
 Joan, da. of Paul Mason the elder, 7 Nov., 1584.  
 Nicholas Miller als. Mason, tanner, 15 March, 1590-1.  
 Alice, wife of Paul Mason the elder, 29 Jan, 1591-2.  
 Cecily, da. of Paul Mason, jun., 14 Jan., 1592-3.  
 Edward, son of John Mason, 10 Jan., 1594-5.  
 Elizabeth, da. of Paul Mason the elder, 30 March, 1595.  
 Richard Miller alias Mason, 18 May, 1595.  
 Henry, son of Paul Mason the elder, 19 May, 1597.  
 Elizabeth, da. of Paul Mason the yor., 5 Feb., 1598-9.  
 Joane, wife of Richd. Mason, 26 Dec., 1600.  
 Robert, son of John Mason, 19 Feb., 1601-2.  
 Richard Mason, yeoman, 22 Feb., 1601-2.  
 Nicholas, son of John Mason, last of May, 1602.  
 Stephen Mason, son of Paul Mason, jun., 12 Jan., 1602-3.  
 Ann, da. of Paul Mason, jun., 23 May, 1610.  
 Henry Miller als. Mason, 5 Feb., 1613-14.  
 Joane, wife of Paul Mason, jun., ult. Feb., 1613-14.  
 Mary, da. of Paul Mason, son of Paul Mason the elder, 30 July, 1615.  
 Elizth. Mason, da. of Paul Mason the yor., 5 Oct., 1615.  
 John, son of Nichols. Mason, 15 Dec., 1615.  
 Robert Mason, 16 Jan., 1616-17.  
 Paul Miller als. Mason, yeoman, 3 May, 1617.  
 Paul, son of Paul Mason, jun., 2 Oct., 1618.  
 Elizabeth, da. of Paul Mason, jun., 15 Dec., 1620 [1619 ?]  
 Margaret, da. of Richd. Mason, jun., 11 Jan., 1619-20.  
 Marie, wife of Paul Mason, jun., 2 Feb., 1620-1.  
 Alice, da. of Richd. Mason, 4 Sept., 1622.  
 Mary, da. of Edw. Mason, 8 June, 1625.  
 Paul Miller als. Mason the elder, 25 Feb., 1625-6.  
 Martha, da. of Mary Mason, 29 March, 1628.  
 John Mason, yeoman, 7 July, 1633.  
 Nicholas, son of Paul Mason, 20 Oct., 1633.  
 Paul Mason, May 28, 1634.<sup>1</sup>  
 Daniel, son of William and Mary Mason, — Sept., 1635.  
 Nicholas Mason, April 24, 1636-7.

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<sup>1</sup> Paul Mason signed as Churchwarden, 1600.

John, son of Edwd. and Alice Mason, Nov. 3, 1637.  
 Paul, son of William and Mary Mason, March 20, 1637-8.  
 Ann, da. of Richd. and Ann Mason, Feb. 3, 1638-9.  
 Anne Mason, widow, April 26, 1639.  
 Richard, son of Richard and Ann Mason, 17 Nov., 1642.  
 William Mason, yeoman, 28 May, 1651.

## EXTRACTS FROM SWAFFHAM REGISTERS.

1606. Catherine Mason, wife of Nicholas Mason, buried 9 Jan.  
 1607. Nicholas Miller, son of John Miller, burd. last of March.  
 1608. Anne Miller als. Mason, daur. of Nicholas Miller als. Mason and Catherine his wife, bapt. 31 July, 1608.  
 1610. Nicholas Miller, son of Nicholas and Catharing, bapt. 7 April.

## LITCHAM REGISTERS.

Charles, son of Richard Mason, Clk., and Jane, bapt. 12 June, 1664, natus vero May 29.  
 Thomas, son of Robert Mason and Frances, bapt. Dec. 21, 1664.  
 Other children afterwards.

## SCARNING REGISTERS.

1682. Bapt. Paule, son of Paule Mason, 30. Aug.  
 1706. „ Alice, da. of Paul Mason and Sarah, 22 Dec.  
 1709. „ Sarah, da. of Paul Mason and Sarah, 13 Dec.  
 1711. „ Anne, da. of same, 25 Sept.  
 Bur. 1706. Alice, da. of Paul Mason, 4 Jan.  
 1709. Paul Mason, sen., 22 Dec.  
 1711. Sarah, da. of Paul Mason, 24 April.  
       Anne, da. of same, 4 Feb.  
 1715. Phizzard Mason, widow, 2 Sept.  
 1732. Paul Mason was buried 23 May.

## SWAFFHAM MANOR

Ao. 33rd Elizabeth, John Miller alias Mason admitted to copyholds in Swaffham as son and heir of Nicholas Miller als. Mason, deceased.

Ao. 12th Jac. Elizabeth Miller als. Mason surrendered copyholds late of Robert Asty, deceased, to use of William Willyment and Alice his wife and the heirs of Alice, and which the said Elizabeth, together with the said Robert Asty and the said Alice, by the name of Alice Miller als. Mason, took on regrant of the lord, 16th June, 37th Elizabeth. Daniel Miller als. Mason also then named.

I do not undertake the apparently impracticable task of compiling a tabulated and connected pedigree from the foregoing, further than to show the connection between the old Mason family and the gentleman who now bears the name. For this purpose I am obliged to introduce pedigrees of Columbine, Blomefield, and Blake, and I have no other evidence than is contained in these pages.

The *Arms* of Mason are, Argent, a fess, and in chief two leopards' heads azure. · On one of the shields in Necton church they impale, Ermine, three wolves' heads gules for Miller.  
*Crest of Mason* : A leopard's head couped and winged azure.

PEDIGREE OF MASON OF NECTON.

Paul Miller als. Mason, bapt. 16 Aug. 1562; = Joan . . .  
 called the younger 1585. Will dat. 1 May,  
 1617, of Necton, yeoman; proved 28 June.  
 Bur. there May 3, 1617.

Paul = Mary Miller als. his wife bur. Mason, bapt. 18 April, 1591.	William, bapt. 21 April, 1594. Admin. 21 Aug. 1651.	Elizabeth, da. and h. of John Gay, Clk., living 1651.	Stephen, bn. 1587.	1. Richard Miller als. Mason, bapt. 27 May, 1585. Will dat. 19 Sept. 1635, of Necton, yeoman. Prob. 30 May, 1645.	= Ann Scott. Mar. 4 Aug. 1618. Will dat. 23 Apr. 1662, prob. 25 Aug. 1666.	Joane, bn. 6 May, 1588. — Cecily, bn. 1592-3. — Jane, bn. 1596. Mar. 1623, Edw. Case. — Margaret. — Susan, bn. 1596.
Richard Mason, Gent., a minor in 1679, of full age 1694, dead in 1703.	Elizabeth, mar. Nich. Tinkler. — Anne, bapt. 20 Apr., 1627. Mar. Thomas Bilby. Sisters and coh. of Richard.	John, bapt. 6 May, 1627. — Richard.	Priscilla, bn. 1624.	= Owen Pretheroe of Palgrave, Gent.	Philippa, bn. 1637.	

Alice Miller als. Mason, so named in 1595, was wife of William Willyment in 1614.

Catharine Burlingham, = Thomas Miller als. = 1st, Margaret Brand,  
 2nd wife, 1599. Mason of Necton. mar. 30 May, 1568.  
 [Qy. will proved  
 1625.]

William, bapt. 21 Dec. 1572.	Richard, bapt. 21 Nov. 1574.	Thomas, bapt. 1579.	Katherine, bapt. 16 Jan. 1568-9.	Agnes, bapt. 1570-1.	Martha, bapt. 1578.	Mary, bapt. 1586.
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Richard Mason of Necton, Gent. Will dat. 19 Aug., prov. 8 Sept. 1691.	William Mason of = Anne. Castleacre, Gent. Will dat. 28 Aug. 1688.
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Richard Mason of Necton, Gent.	John Mason of Necton, = [Katherine, da. Gent. Will dat. 22 Nov. of . . . Pell of 1692, prov. 3 July, 1694. Dersingham.]
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William Mason of Necton. Will dat. 28 March, prov. 3 Aug. 1755.	Richard Mason of Necton, Esq. Will dat. 8 Dec. 1702, prov. 18 June, 1703, s. p. m.	Thomas Mason, 1725, of = Mary, da. of Swaffham, grocer, 1741; Thomas called Gent. in will dat. Bodham of 29 Sept. in that year, Swaffham. proved April 1, 1748. Vide COLUMBINE. (A.)
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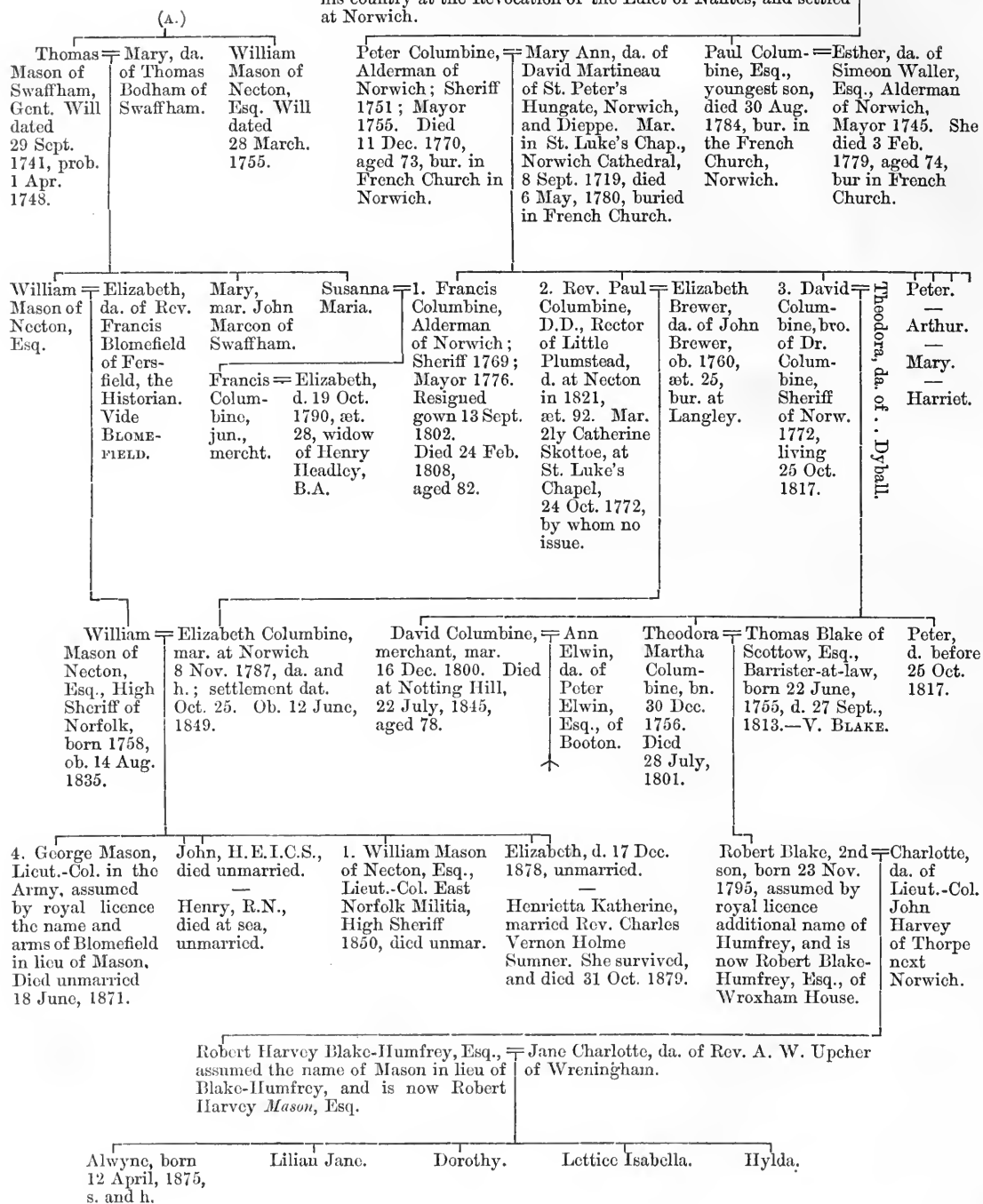
William Mason, Esq., of Necton Hall.	= Elizabeth, da. and coh. of the Rev. Francis Blomefield of Fersfield, the Norfolk Historian.	Mary. = John Marcon, Esq.	Susanna. = Francis Columbine.
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William Mason, Esq., of Necton Hall, = Elizabeth, da. and h. of  
 mar. 8 Nov. 1787, at St. George's Rev. Paul Columbine, D.D.,  
 Tomblond, Norwich; ob. 14 Aug. 1835. died 12 Jan. 1849.

In 1728 Richard Mason is described as nephew and heir of John.

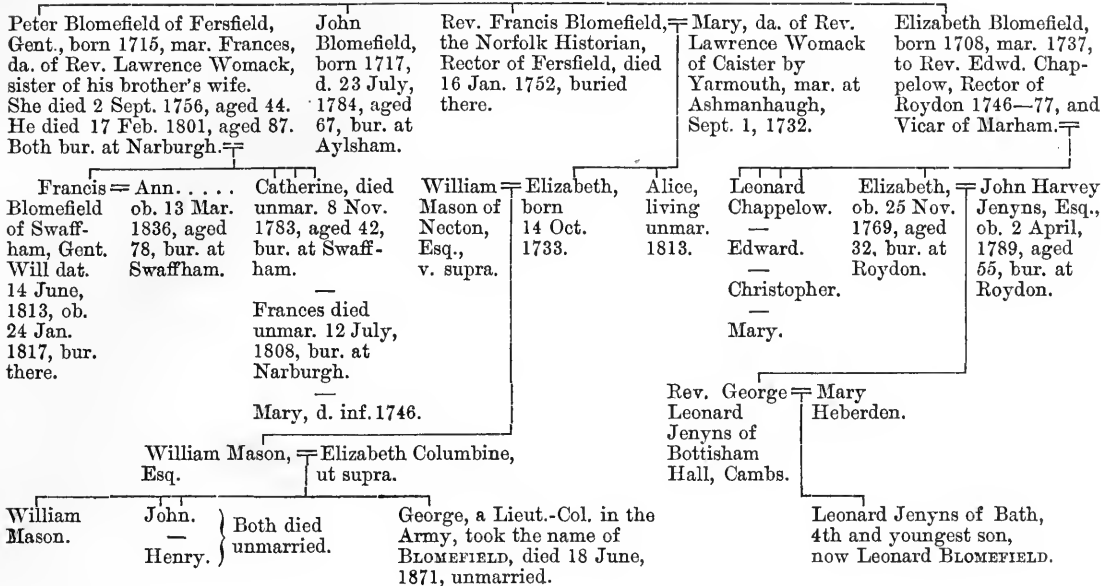
## PEDIGREE OF COLUMBINE.

..... Columbine, a physician, a native of Dauphiny, fled from his country at the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, and settled at Norwich.





PEDIGREE OF BLOMEFIELD.

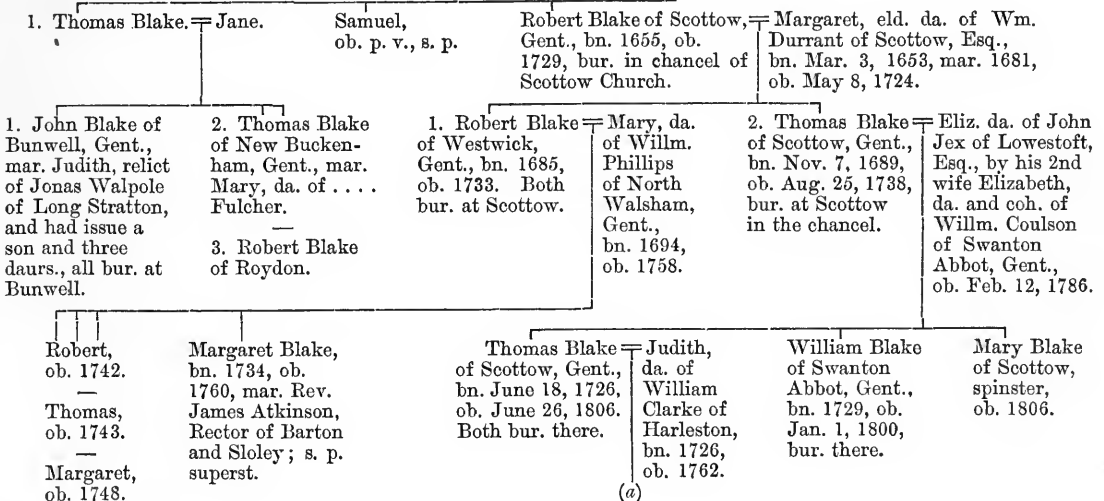


PEDIGREE OF BLAKE.

John Blake of Bunwell, Norf., = Martha . . . . .  
ob. 1646, buried there.

John Blake of Bunwell, Gent., bn. 1622, ob. Aug. 1686. Will dat. 9 Aug. Gave his messuages, lands, &c., purchased of *Francis Blake*, to John Blake his grandchild; lands in Bunwell and Aslacton purchased of Jeffry and William Neave. Buried in Bunwell chancel. Arms: On a chevron, between three garbs, a lis.

Anna, 1st wife, da. of . . . Wethes or Wethy. = Susan, da. of John Stebbing of Stoke, Suff., Gent., s. p.



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Thomas Blake of Norwich, Esq., Barrister-at-law, bn. 1755, ob. Sept. 27, 1813, mar. 1st, Margaret, da. and h. of Thos. Weston, Clk., of Cookley, Suff. She died 1781.	Theodora Martha, da. of David Columbine of Norwich, merchant, 2nd wife.	William [Jex] Blake of Swanton Abbot, Esq. Devisee of his uncle William, bn. May 31, 1758, ob. Feb. 12, 1843. Added Jex to name by royal licence, 1837.	Catherine, da. of Robert Ferrier of Starston, Esq.
Thomas Blake, Esq., LL.D., of Horstead and Drs. Commons, bn. March 13, 1790. He sold the Scottow estate to his uncle William Blake in 1820, and purchased the Horstead Estate.	2. Robert Blake, Esq., bn. Nov. 23, 1795, took (1848) name of Humfrey. Married Charlotte, da. of Lieut.-Colonel John Harvey of Thorpe Lodge, and succeeded to the Horstead property. Issue three sons and four daurs. Vide supra.	3. Henry Wm. Blake, Clk., Rector of Thurning, bn. Dec. 22, 1798, ob. Nov. 28, 1857, bur. there. Married 1st, Louisa, da. of Charles Day, Clk., of Horsford; a son Henry Blake, of no profession. 2nd wife, Mary, da. of Major Hartland, R.A.	4. Francis John Blake of Norw., Solicitor, bn. 1801, died Nov. 30, 1875.
			Theodora Martha Blake, born 1786, mar. Robert Fountaine Elwin, Rector of St. Margaret's, Norwich, and of Wilby and Hargham, ob. 1848. Their daughter Angelica mar. George Hyde, Esq., whose only son is Henry Elwin Hyde, Esq., J.P., and now (1882) Captain of Dereham Volunteers.
			Maria Margaret Blake, b. 1790, ob. 1820. Mar. Geo. Howes, Clk., Rector of Spixworth, 2nd wife. They left a son, Frederick Howes, since dead.
			Judith Eliz. Blake, bn. 1794, ob. at Norwich.

In the Registers of the Walloon Church at Norwich, from 1595 to 1852, now in the custody of the Registrar General at Somerset House, are entries of the following deaths:—

1770, Dec. 11.	Peter Columbine, æt. 73.
1776, July 22.	Anne, wife of John Hillyard, æt. 86.
1779, Feb. 3.	Esther, da. of S. Waller and wife of Paul Columbine.
1780, May 6.	Mary, wife of Peter Columbine, æt. 86.
1783, March 27.	John Hilyard, æt. 89.
1784, Aug. 30.	Paul Columbine, æt. 85, youngest son of his father, who was a surgeon.
1788, Dec. 19.	Hewett Rand, æt. 77.
1789, Jan. 24.	Mary his wife, æt. 62.
1799, Nov. 3.	Elizabeth, wife of Peter Columbine, æt. 28.
1810, Oct. 9.	Peter Columbine, æt. 73.
1816, Sept. 21.	Theodora, wife of David Columbine, æt. 73.
1817, Dec. 15.	Sarah, da. of David Columbine, æt. 50.
1819, Nov. 2.	David Columbine, æt. 56 [86?]

A Pedigree of Columbine is stated in a case in Chancery, Ao. 1836.

The wife of Peter Columbine, Esq., jun., was Elizabeth Brunton, second daughter of Mr. Brunton, and sister of Mrs. Merry the actress and of the Countess Craven. She died at Norwich, 10th November, 1799.

Francis Columbine, jun., merchant, married Elizabeth, relict of Henry Headley, B.A.; she died 19th October, 1790, æt. 28; buried at North Walsham.

## SPARHAM IN NECTON.

It has been already shown that William Mason added to his inheritance by the purchase of the manor and park of Necton from the Collyers.

A portion of this manor had at an early period been subinfeudated by Roger de Tony in Roger de Clifford, and was sold by him to John Le Bretun, who settled same by fine on Simon Le Bretun in tail, remainder to Edmund brother of Simon, after to Nicholas, remainder to the right heirs of John himself.

In 20th Edward III. Thomas Breton was found to have died seized of this, called the Manor of Sparham, by the fortieth part of a knight's fee of the heirs of Roger de Clifford, who held of Guy de Beauchamp, and he of the King. Elizabeth, the wife of Thomas Breton, described as of Essex, Esq., conveyed this manor, with 16s. 2d. rent in Shingham, Bodney, Holme Hale, &c., to Ralph Churchman of Neketon and Margaret his wife, and so the name of Churchmans became added to its style. After this it was in the Cocket family, which also held manors in Narford, Narburgh, Pgrave, and Dunham Parva. In 1st Edward VI. a fine was levied between George Cocket, Gent., querent, and Anthony Cocket, deforciant, of the manor of Sparham in Necton, twenty messuages and lands in Necton, Fransham, Dunham, Hale, Shingham, and Bodney. In 1571 and 1582 George Cocket was lord of Sparham Hall and Cockets. It was afterwards held by Osbert Prat, who held his first court on 15th December, 1633, and sold it to Henry Beke. Jerome Beke or Beck, son and heir of Henry, died in 1638. Ann, widow of Jerome, was holding it in 1657, upon whose death, in or before 1685, Ann West, widow, and William Dove, Esq., held in co-parcenary as heirs of Beke; and afterwards Roger West, son of Ann, by purchase or otherwise, enjoyed it solely. He sold it to Edmund Miller, Serjeant-at-law, who left it to Richard Hassell, Esq., who was lord in Blomefield's time; but it had been purchased by William Mason before October, 1787.

The Masons still retained an estate at West Bradenham, although I am not in a position to identify it with one of the *Domesday* appendages to the manor of Necton. I have extracted from acts of court of the Honor of Clare,<sup>1</sup> that upon the 21st May, 1779, William Mason of Necton, Esq., paid £4 for his ingress into the manor of *Ishales alias Iveshaw* in West Bradenham, holden of that Honor, formerly of Richard Mason, Esq., for which the said Richard Mason paid his ingress fine 22nd February, 1723, and which manor was afterwards of William Mason, Esq., late uncle of the said William Mason, for which he paid ingress fine 7th December, 1735, and then in the possession of the said William Mason the nephew; for which fine so paid by William Mason the nephew, a suit by

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<sup>1</sup> MS. book iii., p. 275, penes late Mr. Alan Swatman.

information in His Majesty's Court of Exchequer had been brought on his refusal to pay the same, but proceedings were stayed on his submission to pay said fine and costs.

This reputed manor must have consisted of the lands in West Bradenham and Holme Hale known as the Grazing Grounds, of which a small portion, about thirteen acres, called Rivets, lay in Holme Hale, and the residue formerly estimated to contain sixty-six acres, but now two hundred and twenty acres or thereabouts, and still subject to a chief rent of 3s. 4d., which is now payable. With these the Masons possessed in West Bradenham an ancient mound called the *Gibbet Hill*, with surrounding fields and driftway, containing about thirty-eight acres.

In 1761-2, Ao. 3rd George III., an Act of Parliament was obtained "for the sale and exchange of part of the estates of the late William Mason, Esq.," in which are recitals of estates given by his will to William Mason the nephew when twenty-four, situate in Necton, Holme Hale, and West Bradenham, and others in Leverington, Cambs., and in Carbrook, Ovington, Castleacre, Newton, Bittering, Gressenhall, Beetley, North Pickenham, Houghton on the Hill, Saham, Ashill, and Hingham; that the said William Mason had three sons by Elizabeth his wife, William, Thomas, and John; that Mary Marcon, by John Marcon her husband, had three sons and a daughter, John Marcon, Edmund Mason Marcon, Thomas, and Mary Marcon; that Susanna was wife of Francis Columbine and had two sons and one daughter, Francis, Peter, and Susanna Columbine. The power not to extend to copyhold lands to which said William Mason the nephew was entitled under the will of John Mason, deceased, dated 22nd November, 1692, nor to copyholds which descended to him as nephew and heir general of said William Mason, deceased.

In pursuance of this Act some sales and exchanges were made, but I believe not affecting any land in Bradenham.

In 1787, 28th George III., a recovery was suffered of the manor of Sparham and Corbetts alias Churchmans, with capital messuage, &c., in Necton, of other lands in Necton and Great Fransham, and the lands in Holme Hale and West Bradenham, in North Pickenham and in Great Dunham, containing one hundred and sixty acres; also of the manor of Richmond and lands in Leverington, Cambs.; the uses of which were declared by deeds 24th and 25th October in that year.

Either in the Act of Parliament or in some cotemporaneous deed, William Mason the nephew is described as "William Mason, Esq., son of William Mason, deceased, who was son of John Mason, deceased, who was devisee in tail in remainder under the will (1692) of John Mason, deceased."

William Mason of Necton, Esq., by his will, dated 15th February, 1806, devised to his son William Mason of Thorpe next Norwich, Esq., all his manors, &c., charged with payment of annuities and legacies, including legacies to "Lydia my daughter, known by the name of Lydia Jackson," to Henry my son, known as Henry Jackson, and Harriet my daughter, known as Harriet Jackson; Hamond Alpe of Hardingham and Sigismund Trafford of Lakenham being trustees. Proved 16th April, 1807, P. C. C., by son William, the sole executor.

The will of this last William Mason of Necton, Esq., is dated 22nd March, 1828, and refers to indentures dated the 24th and 25th October, 1787, being the settlement made upon the marriage of testator with Elizabeth his wife, and recovery suffered in pursuance thereof, by which the manor of Sparham and Corbetts otherwise Churchmans, and particular part of capital mansion-house, messuages, farms, lands, &c., in Necton, Holme Hale, West Bradenham, Sparham in Necton, Great Fransham, and North Pickenham, of the annual value of £1217. 10s., were settled, after the decease of the survivor of his late father and himself, and subject to an annuity of £400 a year to his wife, upon such sons and heirs of the bodies of sons, and so charged, and with such remainders over as the testator should by deed or will appoint.

In execution of this power the testator, by the will, appointed the aforesaid manor and hereditaments, including copyhold parts and allotted lands (subject to said wife's annuity) to William Mason, the eldest son, in fee. He gave the estate at Great and Little Dunham to his son George Mason in fee, charged with payment of £1300 to his daughter Henrietta Katherine Sumner for her separate use. He also devised to his said son William the manor of Necton and all other real estate not before devised, subject to payment of debts and a legacy of £500 to his wife, and made him sole residuary legatee.

By a codicil made 23rd June, 1830, the said testator, referring to the devises contained in the will, and mentioning that the manor and hereditaments last devised were subject to mortgages for upwards of £20,000 and interest, discharged the Dunham estate from payment of the legacy to his daughter Sumner, and charged the manor of Necton and the hereditaments devised to son William exclusively with payment of the mortgage, in exoneration of Dunham from the same; and he also charged the said manor and hereditaments so given to William, with the legacy to Mrs. Sumner in aid of personal estate, payable six months after the wife's death.

In the settlement before mentioned as having been made by William Mason upon the marriage of his son with Elizabeth Columbine, the property is described as the manor or lordship, or reputed manor or lordship, manors or lordships of *Sparham and Corbetts otherwise Churchmans*, with all, &c., and all that capital mansion-house called *Necton Hall*, in Necton aforesaid, with all houses, lands, &c., belonging, in Necton, Holme Hale, and West Bradenham, as the same, &c., did contain by estimation eight hundred and forty acres, in the use of the said William Mason the father, and of the computed yearly value of £520; and also a messuage and farm in Necton, Sparham in Necton, and Great Fransham . . . . . 340 acres . . . . . of Smith, Whitby . . . . . yearly rent of £200; and another messuage and farm in Necton . . . . . 160 acres . . . . . of James Meadows, yearly rent £112; another messuage and farm in Necton and Great Fransham . . . . 180 acres . . . . William Curtis . . . . £100; and also several pieces of land or grazing grounds in Holme Hale . . . . 170 acres . . . . of Robert Greenwood and John Bayfield . . . . rent of £94. 10s.; . . . . and . . . . land in Great Fransham . . . . 135 acres . . . . of Samuel Standford and Gould, rent of £86; messuage and farm in North Pickenham . . . . 42 acres . . . . of Benjamin Barber . . . . rent of £30; and also of and in all those several pieces or parcels of land, meadow, pasture, feeding or grazing

grounds in Holme Hale and West Bradenham . . . 22 acres . . . Forby Trundle . . . £20 ; another tenement and 20 acres in Holme Hale, another and 15 acres in Necton, public-house there, the Three Tuns ; and 10 acres ; all which, &c., in Necton, Holme Hale, West Bradenham, Sparham in Necton, Great Fransham, North Pickenham, or towns adjoining, yearly value of £1217. 10s., and all other, &c., then late of William Mason, late of Necton, Esq., deceased, the uncle of said William Mason the father, and by him given by his will 29th March, 1755, in Necton, Holme Hale, West Bradenham, Sparham in Necton, Great Fransham, North Pickenham, and Great Dunham.

There was issue of the marriage between the said William Mason the son and Elizabeth Columbine four sons and two daughters, and he exercised the power reserved to him in the settlement, first by deed dated 1st October, 1821, and afterwards by his will dated 22nd March, 1828, to the use of William Mason the elder, son of himself and wife, from and immediately after his decease. He also devised the Dunham estate to his son George, which he revoked by a codicil July 16th, 1835, and instead gave him £6000 in money charged upon all the property. He died 14th August, 1835, and the will was proved on 15th December following, William Mason the son being the sole executor.

Francis Blomefield of Swaffham, Gent., had by his will, dated 10th June, 1813, given his estates at Fersfield and Necton, after the decease of his wife Ann, to Henry Mason, son of William Mason of Necton, Esq., for life, remainder in default of issue to said George Mason in tail, with remainders over. Each devisee on succeeding to take the name of Blomefield. Henry Mason having died without issue, George, by royal sign manual took the name and arms of Blomefield, and on the death of his elder brother William unmarried, on 2nd December, 1865, succeeded to the Mason estates in Necton and elsewhere.

George Blomefield died 8th June, 1871, having by his will dated 12th December, 1865, devised his real estates to his sister Elizabeth Mason for life, remainder to his sister Henrietta Katherine, therein called Katherine, wife of the Rev. Charles Vernon Holme Sumner, therein called Charles Sumner, for life, then to the said Charles V. H. Sumner for life ; remainder, subject to a term of one thousand years in his executor, to Harvey Blake-Humfrey of Wroxham, Esq., for his life, and to his first and other sons successively in tail male, with ultimate reversion to said Harvey Blake-Humfrey in fee.

Harvey Blake-Humfrey was to take the name and arms of Mason only. The term of one thousand years was vested in the executor upon trust to raise the sum of £12,500 for payment to certain persons named. William Meybohm Rider Haggard was appointed executor, and proved the will 3rd August, 1871. Elizabeth Mason died on 17th December, 1878, Mrs. Holme Sumner on 31st October, 1879, whereupon, Mr. Holme Sumner having predeceased her, the estate vested in Robert Harvey Blake-Humfrey, who by royal licence and deed poll, dated 3rd July, 1880, and duly enrolled, adopted the surname of Mason in lieu of those of Blake and Humfrey. An arrangement was then made under an order of the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice, under which, instead of raising the £12,500 under the trusts of the term of years, the land at West Bradenham and Holme Hale, containing 270a. 3r. 19p., was agreed to be sold to Mr. Haggard for that sum.

In the Order of Court authorising this sale, the property authorised to be sold is mentioned as comprising—

	A.	R.	P.
Grazing lands, let to various tenants . . . . .	219	2	36 <sup>1</sup>
Whin Common (the Gibbet) waste land . . . . .	37	3	29
Woodland (in hand) . . . . .	13	0	25 <sup>1</sup>
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	270	3	10

Besides the Gibbet Hill and Gibbet Field, containing, as above stated, 37a. 3r. 29p., the land in West Bradenham consists of land called *Rivetts*, *Upper Nuns* and *Lower Nuns*, Brick Kiln Piece, Upper and Lower Whin Piece, Grove Piece, &c., in all 219a. 2r. 36p. The remaining thirteen acres or thereabouts, also named *Rivetts*, lying in *Holme Hale*.

As the Masons do not seem to have retained any other estate in West Bradenham, I think it may be safely assumed that part of the lands above described are identical with what has been before mentioned as the manor and pasture called *Isehales* alias *Iveshaw*, holden of the Honor of Clare, which was one of their earliest possessions.

As may be seen from the inquisition before set forth, taken on 21st of August, Ao. 15th Jac. I. (1617) on the death of Paul Miller alias Mason, jun., late of Necton, yeoman, he was found to have died seized (inter alia) of one moiety of the manor of *Isehall*, and sixty-six acres called *Isehall* in West Bradenham, and sixty acres and eighteen acres in West Bradenham, which manor was holden of the Queen as of the Honor of Clare, with the addition of the sixty acres called Wildes and Brakes, and the land in Holme Hale purchased of Jenney. In consequence of its recent purchase by Mr. Haggard, it is now added to the Bradenham Hall estate, as also is another manor or estate in West Bradenham called *Wotten* or *Wottens*, of which I have already given some account.

#### NECTON CHARITY LANDS.

By indenture dated 10th January, 1649, between Edward Rust, of . . . . . Gent., Edward Rust of Horneing, Gent., Edward Rust of Necton, tanner, Calex Rust of London, apothecary, Thomas Mallett, and Paule Sharpen of Necton, yeoman, feoffees in trust for the inhabitants of the town of Necton, the messuage called Blyford and lands in Great Fransham were leased to James Spencer of Great Fransham, petty chapman, for seven years at the rent of £47 a year.

It appears that Edward Rust had by his will, dated 29th August, 1610, devised to Edmund Rust and his heirs two acres in Necton called Rust Pightle, upon trust that 20s. issuing out of the premises should be distributed to twenty poor persons of the parish of

<sup>1</sup> In the map attached to the West Bradenham Inclosure Award these quantities are set down as 219a. 3r. 36p. and 37a. 2r. 11p. The site, however, of the Mound or Gibbet Hill, now included in the latter, is not laid down upon the map.

Necton on Good Friday yearly, and that by indenture bearing date 29th October, the said Edmund Rust granted to Edward Rust and sixteen others the said pightle on trust as aforesaid.

By indenture of feoffment in 2nd Edward IV., Sir William Yelverton and three others granted to Thomas Large and others certain messuages, lands, and tenements in the parish or fields of Fransham, which they had lately taken under a grant from Thomas Isaac and others; and by indenture of exchange dated 13th December, 1770, William Mason the younger and four others, feoffees of the Necton Town estate in Great Fransham, exchanged certain lands there with Edward Case for other lands in the said parish, probably those comprised in the above lease, which in 1665 had been vested in the same persons as trustees.

By an order of the Court of Chancery made 16th November, 1830, the estate was ordered to be conveyed to new trustees, approved by the Master, with William Mason, sen., viz., William Mason, jun., John Moss, William Gibson, and Edmund Farrer, Theophilus Russell Buckworth, Ralph Caldwell, William Haggard, and William Pearson; two others of the existing trustees, the Rev. Thomas Young and the Rev. William Young being discharged from the trust.

The Fransham estate in 1832 comprised a farm-house, with buildings, and about one hundred and twenty-eight acres, under lease at the yearly rent of £130, abated in 1834.

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### COCKETTS, LORDS OF SPARHAM IN NECTON.

In 1587, by deed dated 5th December, 30th Elizabeth, Anthonie Cockette of Sparham in Necton, Gent., bargained and sold to Richard Miller als. Mason of Necton, yeoman, 6a. 1r. in Sparham aforesaid, to hold to him, in fee, with covenants for further assurances by him and Marie his now wife, and against incumbrances by them, or by George Cockett, Gent., his deceased father.

Fine in Trinity Term, 30th Elizabeth, Richard Miller als. Mason being querent, and Anthony Cockett and Mary his wife deforcients, of six acres of land and eighteen acres of pasture in Sparham in Necton.

By deed dated 5th December, 30th Elizabeth, Anthony Cockett granted to Richard Miller als. Mason, yeoman, in part performance of his agreement of the same date, 6a. 1r. in the town and fields of Sparham, in four pieces, which descended to said Anthony after the death of George Cockette, Gent., and Brigitte his wife, the father and mother; and 1a. 2r. 1p. from the surrender of said Richard, copyhold of the manor of Sparham in Necton, to hold to the said Richard in fee, with covenants for title, extending to the acts of Thomas and Humfrey Cockett, brothers of Anthony.



And by another deed, dated 13th December in the same year, Richard Miller als. Mason granted to Anthony Cockette and his heirs in fee, in pursuance of the before-mentioned agreement, an annual rent-charge of 14*d.*

At a court for the manor of Sparham Hall in Necton, on the Tuesday before the Festival of SS. Simon and Jude, in 12th Elizabeth (1570), the lord regranted to Richard Miller als. Mason three roods of the tenement Kyngs in the fields of Necton, abutting on the lands of said Richard.

By deed dated 13th September, Ao. 30th Elizabeth, Thomas Cocket and Humfridus Cocket, gen<sup>si</sup>, fratres Antonii Cocket de Sparham, . . . . . released to aforesaid Richard and his heirs, &c., all their rights in all the lands and tenements in Sparham in Necton, which he had purchased of Antony.

By a deed dated 13th April, 32nd Elizabeth (1590), Antony Cockette granted to Richard Miller als. Mason seven acres in Necton, in a certain furlong called Nethersowrie, in several pieces now inclosed, which descended in like manner from said George and Brigitt. To this, Paul Mason, sen., and Richard Mason, jun., were witnesses.

In the record of a fine levied in Easter Term, 32nd Elizabeth, between Richard Miller als. Mason, John Miller als. Mason, Henry Skipper, Henry Crooke, Clk., Thomas Skarlett, Edward Case, Thomas Slappe, sen., Paul Miller als. Mason, sen., John Collison, John Seaman, . . . . . Mendham, and Peter Large, querents, and Antony Cockett, jun., and Mary his wife, deforcients, of sixty-four acres and a half of land, and six acres and a half of meadow, and four acres of pasture, in Sparham and Necton, is contained a warranty of parcel of the premises to Richard Miller als. Mason, against said Antony and Mary and the heirs of Antony, and against Thomas Cockett, Gent., and Humfry Cockett, Gent., and their heirs, and to the said *John Miller als. Mason* and his heirs; of 12a. 1r., other parcel against the said Anthony and Mary, and also Thomas and Humfry; and to the said Paul, of one acre and a half; other part against the same, and other premises to the other parties.

By a deed dated 21st December, 33rd Elizabeth, Antonie Cockette, lord of the manor of Sparham in Necton, bargained and sold to Paul Miller als. Mason, the elder, of Necton, yeoman, one acre and a half of arable land in the field of Necton, of the tenement Christians, and in a furlong called Stubbe Wonge, abutting on lands of Richard Miller als. Mason, subject to the payment of 8*d.* yearly, with covenants for title and further assurances by said Antonie and Mary his now wife, and also against Thomas and Humfrie the brothers. Nicholas Mason was one of the witnesses. Signed by Antony Cockett, but seal cut off.

In 1591 Nicholas Mason was a witness to a release from Thomas and Humfry Cocket to Henry Skepper, the purchaser of three acres and a half from Antony; dated 28th December, 33rd Elizabeth.

By indenture dated 12th January, 33rd Elizabeth, Antonie Cockette, lord of the manor of Sparham in Necton, bargained and sold to Richard Miller als. Mason the elder, of Necton, yeoman, twenty acres of land, meadow and pasture, in Necton and Sparham, in eleven pieces, as abutted in Old Necton, to hold to said Richard in fee, subject to payment of 10*s.* a year to Cockette, &c., lands of said manor for all services, &c., with lands for himself and wife, and also as against Thomas and Humfry his brethren.

By another deed of the same date, 12th January, Ao. 33rd Elizabeth, "Antonius Cockette," lord of the manor of Sparham in Necton, enfeoffed twenty acres of land, meadow and pasture, in eleven pieces, which said *Richard Miller als. Mason* late held of that manor by copy of court-roll, to hold to the use of said Richard by the rent of 10s. per annum. Paul Mason was a witness.

At a court for the manor of Sparham Hall in Necton 29th March, 41st Elizabeth (1599), Thomas Stanton, Gent., was lord.

### NEYGHTON CHYRCHMANS ALS. CORBETTS.

The first court of Roger Touneshend, Esq., for this manor was held die lune ante festum Sanctorum Tiburtii et Valeriani (April 14th), Ao. r. xv<sup>mo</sup> Hen. VII. (1500.)

Again, a court held on the corresponding day of 17th Henry VII. (1502) is entered as the first court of Roger Townshend, Esq., for the manor of Neyghton Churchmans als. Corbetts.

The first court of Sir Xpofer Heydon, militis, firmarii et domini, &c., ratione minoris etatis Rogeri Townshend, armigeri (13th April, 1st Elizabeth.)

On 21st April, 33rd Elizabeth (1591) was held the first court of Osbert Pratt, Gent., "dimissione in firma de Katina Skarlett, wid. relict Thome Skarlett, gen<sup>i</sup>, defunct."<sup>1</sup>

In 1595 Osbert Pratt was styled of Harpely, when he made an exchange of land with Edward Rust.

In 1603 Osbert Pratt is described as of Hockwold. He was still lord of Corbetts als. Churchmans in 15th Jac., 1617.

Osbert Pratt, jun., (held first court 15th December, 1621) was lord 29th October, 1629; and sold it to Henry Beke.

The first court of Henry Beeke, Esq., was held 9th April, 1633, and he was lord in 1637.

Henry Beek of Castleacre, Gent., died August 21st, 1638, leaving by Elizabeth his wife (widow of — Bendish) Jerome his son and heir.

In 1652 and 1655 Jeremy Beke, Esq., occurs as lord. He was also lord of Sparham Hall in 1649.

The first court of Ann Beeke, widow of Jeremy Beeke, Esq., deceased, 12th January, 1657. Luke Constable, Esq., steward.

Curia generalis Roberti Gill, armigeri, et Anne Beke tent. apud Sparham Hall, 5th October, 15th Car. II., 1663.

<sup>1</sup> From the proceedings of a court for the chief manor of Necton, "die Jovis septiman' Pasche," Ao. 35th Elizabeth, we learn that Osbert Pratt, Gent., had for wife Ursula, one of the daughters and coheirs of Thomas Skarlett, Gent., and with Martha Skarlett, another daughter and coheir, had after his death taken up copyhold (31st Elizabeth), and Thomas and Ursula took Martha's moiety on her surrender (33rd Elizabeth), and then (35th Elizabeth) surrendered the entirety to Gregory Bekerton.

## NECTON MANOR.

Declarations on the part of certain customary tenants of the manor of Necton, naming, amongst others, Nicolas Yelverton, Nicolas Mynne, Geo. Mason, Richard Mason, to the effect that from beyond the memory of man the inhabitants of Necton had enjoyed right of *shakke* over certain pasture called *Sparham Loyes*, containing two hundred acres, until of late Edmund Cockett had denied it, and taken proceedings against them. Dated 23rd June, 17th Henry VIII.

Inspeximus of a decree in Chancery, made 10th July, 1589, in a suit between Thomas Scarlet, Gent., and others, tenants of the manor, and Thomas Bedingfeld, defendant.

"De Henrico Bedingfeld, milite, . . . . . ad ostendendum quo titulo tenet Maneria de Necton, &c. Hil. Rec., 9 Eliz., rot. 83" [1516-17.] Mem. Excheq.

Curia Domini Henrici Octavi, &c., die Martis in crastino scé. Fidis [October 4th] hunc R. 36 [1544.]

Curia prima pernobilissime domine Domine Marie, sororis Illustrissimi Domini Edwardi Sexti, Dei gratia Regis, &c., necnon filie percharissimi regis pie memorie Domini Henrici Octavi nuper Regis, &c., die Mercurii post festum sci. Barthi. Apli. Ao. r. 2di [1548.]

On 4th October, 27th Elizabeth, the first court of Thomas Bedingfeld, Esq., son and heir of Edward Bedingfeld, deceased.

Henry Warner, Esq., held court in 37th Elizabeth, as farmer there during the minority of Henry Bedingfeld, Esq., 1595.

Cur' Baron pquis Henr' Bedingfeild, milit., 10th November, 1 Car., 1625.

First court of Thomas Wharton, Esq., 22nd October, 1657.

Thomas Wharton, Esq., held court as lord 5th November, 1661. He was lord in 1664.

In 1665 Mary Bedingfield, widow, was lady.

In 1602 the name of Lawrence Lound appears as steward. In 1623, that of John Howard. Luke Constable was steward until his death in 1660. In 1662, Owen Pretheroe; and in 1675, Lemuel Schuldham.

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 SCARLETT FAMILY OF NECTON.

Of this family, which at one time appears to have held the lordship of Churchmans als. Corbétts, I have made the following notes.

In 1522 James Scarlett of Necton was the purchaser of 11a. 1r. in Necton and Sparham from Susan Pentney and others, conveyed by deed, 29th July, 14th Henry VIII., some lying in Ballmer Wood, some in Dunham Meadows, some by Nekton Babyl, by Pittwood, by Longmere Way, Netherbalmerwood, Brod Acre, Dunham Babyl, &c.

1523. He was party to a deed.

In 1523 Thomas Bell, George Blomevyll, and *James Scarlett* of Nekton conveyed to Edmund Slappe and others a messuage with twelve acres and a half in Nekton, (including six acres apud Shodgate) which they had from Geo. Waller and Will. Wilby, ut in cart. 13th Henry VIII.

1572. By deed dated January 18th, 5th Elizabeth, William Hawke settled land in trust to exonerate Jane Skarlet against Richard Wright of Holme Hale from a bond in which she was surety with him.

1593. It appears from an entry at a court for Necton in Easter week, 35th Elizabeth, that Ursula, one of the daughters and coheirs of Thomas Scarlett, Gent., was the wife of Osbert Pratt, Gent., which Ursula, with Martha Scarlett her sister, was admitted to copyhold after the death of said Thomas their father in 31st Elizabeth; when Martha surrendered her moiety to Pratt and wife. The inheritance consisted of six acres in a quarentine called Thornes and in a quarentine called Nyne Acres.

Thomas Scarlett appears as lord of Sparham Hall in Necton on 29th March, 41st Elizabeth, 1599.

18th October, 22nd Jac. Quod Robtus. Skarlett, fils. Thome Skarlett, defunct., tunc etatis 18 annoꝝ qui die obitus sui remisit, &c., usque quidam Cristoferus Skarlett alius filius dñ Thome Skarlett & frater Robti. pvenit ad plenam etatem 21, . . . . . Et. qd Thomas Skarlett, filius pfat. Thome, defuncti, fuit frater senior Robti. & heres, &c., & plene etatis.

At a court for the manor of Necton, 18th October, 22nd Jac., it was found that the deaths of Robert Scarlett and Thomas, aged eighteen, had been presented in 1617, and Christopher Scarlett, another son of Thomas and brother of Robert, if he held no attorney, would succeed, but that Thomas, also son of Thomas, was eldest brother and heir of Robert.

At a court 18th October, 22nd Jac., 1624, upon *the death of Robert Skarlet*, son of Thomas Skarlett, deceased, then aged eighteen, was by John Miller als. Mason, his bailiff, admitted to copyhold until Christopher Skarlett, another son of said Thomas and brother of said Robert, attained twenty-one, if Christopher should so long live. Thomas Skarlett, son of Thomas, was elder brother and heir of said Robert and of full age. Christopher was still living and of full age, and was accordingly admitted, ut supra.

At a court for the manor of Necton, 9th October, 3rd Car. (1627), Christopher Skarlet, being of full age, was admitted under the will of Thomas Skarlett, dated 15th June, 1614, by which he devised the premises to Christopher in fee on attaining twenty-one years, if he should so long live.

In 1637 Thomas Skarlett was feoffee of ten acres and a half in a close called Anthonyes, in the furlong from Whitefalgate towards Blootings Closse, from Edmund Hawke.

In 1650 occurs Thomas Skarlet of Necton, butcher.

In 1652, in Corbetts alias Churchmans manor, Thomas Skarlett the elder was admitted to half an acre in furlong *Ower Sowery* from Ambrose Blomatt.

Christopher Scarlett. Will dated 29th October, 1655. To Elizabeth Scarlett my wife, my house and houstead in Necton for life, and after, &c., to be sold and the money to Thomas Scarlett, eldest son; other children, Mary, Elizabeth, Henry, Anne, and Robert,

£6 each as each attain twenty-one. Seven roods of land in Necton to be sold, and the money applied for the education of Henry, Alice, and Robert. Brothers Thomas Scarlett and Thomas Crick and friend Philip Crook, executors, who proved the same 11th June 1656, in the London Probate Court.

In 1656 Thomas Scarlett of Necton, butcher, was admitted to copyhold as a purchaser.

In 1690 Philip Scarlett of Necton, fellmonger, was a trustee of the will of William Scarlett his brother, and in 1691 surrendered . . . . . to the use of John Mason.

In Swaffham manor, 1707, Thomas Skarlett, aged fifteen, was admitted to copyhold as son and heir of Thomas Skarlet, deceased; and in that year, 1707, Thomas Scarlett, single man, and . . . . . single woman, both of Necton, were married at Swaffham by licence.

### CURTEYS' CHANTRY,

"Founded by William Curtes at West Bradenham, with its revenues there and at Swaffham, was granted by Edward VI. to Sir Thomas Woodhouse of Waxham, Knt., and sold by him to the Awdeleys of Swaffham, and by them to Sir William Paston of Paston, Kt."—Blomefield, vi. 210, n.

Of William Curteys we learn that he was a notary, and he is so described in a charter which has been set forth (p. 52). He died in the year 1490, and was buried in the chancel at Holme Hale, where his effigy in brass was to be seen in Cotman's time (1819) but is now gone. It is engraved in the *Sepulchral Brasses*, from which the accompanying representation is copied, also in Gough's *Sepulchral Memorials*. Cotman remarks: "This figure, which has been overlooked by Blomefield, is curious on account of the appendages to the girdle—the pencase and inkhorn—indicative of his profession. The hand of rapine has not been so impartial as the hand of death, for while the husband's figure remains, that of the lady has been stolen. She is described by Gough, in the place above quoted, as in a three-quarter attitude, veil headdress, close gown, and long buckled belt, with her hands elevated and displayed."

The chantry seems to have been founded pursuant to directions contained in the will of William Curteys, the chaplain of which was to have an annual stipend of ten marks to celebrate, &c., for the souls of William, his wife, and parents; for which purpose certain lands in West Bradenham, mentioned in the charter abovesaid, were vested in trustees as we have before seen.

Mr. Boutell observes, "Neither cap nor gypciere appears on the brass of William Curteys, notary, at Holme Hale in the county of Norfolk: in this example a simple cincture confines the flowing gown at the waist, and supports the inkhorn and pencase."—*Monumenta Brasses*, p. 113.

The will of William Curteis, described as of Necton, dated 26th September, 1492, proved 12th May, 1500, contains the following clauses :—

“To be buried in Necton church upon sought side of the rode auter. I require all my feoffes whyche be infeoffed of and in all my londe lyinge in the — [sic] of Swaffm̄ m̄ket and my close clepid Wildes als. Brakes in West Bradf̄h̄m̄ that whanne so ev’ thei be required be myn executōs thei delyv’ ād make a lawfulle estate off and in all the seyde londs with the appurtenā to xx<sup>ii</sup> p̄sons off good and honest conv’sacōn to the entent folowyth. That ys to say, fyrst I wyll that the seyde feoffees shall suffer my execut̄ for teime of ther lyves and aft̄ ther disses to suffer the Chereh Reves of Nekton for the tyme to take and receyve yerly all issues and p̄fites off and in all the seyde londs w<sup>t</sup> the ap̄ptenāes duryng the terme off viij yers to the entent to p̄forme thys my seyde wyll That ys to sey, I wyll have a secular prest nott bene fyxed nor occupied in moch worldly besynes vertuosly dysposyd to syng in the church of Neketon duryng the terme of xxiiij yer for my fadyr and my modys sowlys my sowle and my wyffs sowle Henry Kentyng and Agnes hys wyff sowles and all our auncestyre kynred benefactors & all Chresten sowles saying dayly placebo and dirige w̄h suffrage folowyng and quen he sayth masse aft̄ the Gospell to sey de pfundis w<sup>h</sup> the psalme and j spechall colet for our sowles and j geñrall colet for all cresten sowles and the seyde prest to have vj<sup>li</sup>. xiiij<sup>d</sup>. payd be ev’ y quarter or wythynne a monyth aft̄ ony quarter cōplete and yff yt happe that the seyde prest be nott payd of hys yerly wag’s accordyng to the seyde wyll Than I wyll it sall be lawfulle to the seyde prest or any other in hys name to enter into all the seyde londs and ev’ y p̄cell theroff and take distres and the distres so takyn to kepe in pownde unto the tyme that the seyde prest be full content and payd w’ all arrerags and suche costs oū so doñ in these p̄misses. Itm. I wulle that as sone as the feoffes come to the nombyr off iiij oṛ iij p̄sons that thanne thes feoffam̄et be renuyē as well by the consent off the p̄son off Neketon as be the chereh reves off the same towne and they to enfeoffe a prest and that the seyde prest do re-enfeoffe other xx<sup>ii</sup> newe honest and good dysposyd men to the entent befor rehersyd and thys to be cōtynyd by the space of the seyde xxiiij yers and whan so ev’ the terme of the seyde xxiiij yers be endyd than I wulle that the feoffees of the seyde londs for that tyme beyng do make a newe enfeoffament to endur other xxiiij yers to the entent befor rehersyd yff the lawghs of Inglond wyll suffyr it and aft̄ that so forth as long as the lawghs wyll suffer it and yff yt happe herait’ to be made any lawgh or statute in thys land that thys my wyll may nott take effect in man’ and forme befor rehersyd Than I wull that the feoffees of all the seyde londys for the tyme beyng selle all the forseyde londs w’ the ap̄ptenances and with the money theroff comyng the seyde prest to syng for our sowles duryng the tyme of the sale and payment of the seyde landys. Itm. I wulle that all thos londs that I had of Ser John Pye and of Syr Robert Samelyand lyng in Cressyngghm̄ felds and all thos landys thatt I bowt of Crestian Thorpp lyng in Bodney be sold be myn executors and also certen other londys lyng in Neketon feld wych I have notyd affward in my boke be sold be myn executōes yt wer M̄r Henry Kentyng lyeng in Est bradenh̄m̄ to pay my detts and do good dedys of almes for our sowles and all our benefactors sowles. Itm. I wull that all my other londs and tents. rentes & fines lyng in Neketon be sold by myn executors to dyspose for me and all my benefactors. I wull that Outlake Curteys my sonne whanne he comyth to the age of xxiiij yers have all my londs in Beeston duryng hys lyffe and aft̄ hys desseasse I wulle that the syd londs be sold be myn executors and dysposyd for me and my wyff and all my benefactors sowles. Itm. I wull that all my londs in Est derh̄m̄ be sold be myn executōs and the mony thereof comyng be dysposed in payñg my detts and fulfillyng of my wyll and testament. Itm. I wull that yff the towneschipp of Est derh̄m̄ wull bey the seyde lond to the intent to have a chauntry prest ther syng than they to have all the seyde londs for xxiiij<sup>li</sup>. upon thys condicōn that ye seyde prest shall prey dayly for my sowle my wyffs sowle Henry Kentyngs sowle and Agnes hys wyffs sowle and for all our Benefactors sowles.”—Norwich Consistory. Regr. Wright, p. 79.

In the church chest are preserved the following deeds, books, and other documents, for the notices of which I am indebted to a friend, not having had an opportunity of examining them myself.

Dated Sunday after the Annunciation of the B. V. M., Ao. 2nd Edward IV. (A.D. 1462.) Grant by Sir William Yelverton, Knt., and others to Thomas Large and others, of all those messuages, lands, &c., in Great Fransham, demised to them the said grantors by Thomas Isaak and others . . . . . reserving "totam illam cameram vocat. le Crosse Chamber in fine occident aule infra mesuag' in quo *Johes Blyford* manet," &c., for the term of his life and that of Agnes his wife, reserving also a close called Bridgemedowe, and also a stable "pro equo dict. John et Agneſ et pro equis amicorum suorum totiens quotiens eis aduenierint," for the life of same John and Agnes and forty days after; also reserving one acre of arable land in two pieces in Fransham, one piece called Broodhalfacre, the other Pythalfacre; also a reserved rent of 10*d.* from a tenement called Curteleys in Fransham.

Dated 20th January, 7th Edward IV. (A.D. 1467.) Grant of an estate called Bliford from Thomas Large and others to John Crudde and others.

A.D. 1491. Grant of same estate by John Crudde of Fransham to new feoffees; stated to be held by him in conjunction with William Stather, Clerk, and others since deceased.

A.D. 1552, Michaelmas. A terrier of the Bliford estate.

1553. Another terrier of the same, dated 12th February, Ao. 1st and 2nd Mary. By this it seems to have consisted of thirty-one parcels containing together one hundred and seven acres of arable, meadow, and pasture land, one inclosure being thirty acres.

Another terrier is dated 18th November, 1589; and another in 1725.

## NECTON CHARITIES.

Lease dated 29th July, 1552, by Richard Hoo of Scarning, Gent., to certain inhabitants of Necton, of nine acres of land in Fransham, parcel of the possessions of St. Nicholas' Chapel in Gressenhall, held by Henry Walpole, Gent., for ninety-nine years. Rent not filled in, but consideration mentioned, £6. 13*s.* 4*d.*

A lease, dated 29th September, 10th Jac. (1612), from Paul Miller als. Mason the younger, John Miller als. Mason, and Thomas Case, yeoman, inhabitants of Necton, to Nicholas Thorald and Alice his wife, . . . . . Blyford, with all lands, &c., reserving underwood, &c., for ten years at £32 a year, and the tenants to do repairs, the landlords finding timber. This was for the use of the churchwardens and parish of Necton.

On the first leaf of another churchwardens' book of the parish of Necton, from 1724, is the following entry:—

"A particular of the Summs of money given to the Town of Necton the Intrest whereof to be dealt to the poor there inhabiting yearly by the Churchwardens.

"Imp. Henry Skepar gave tenn pounds the Intrest to be dealt upon every New Year's Day to twenty of the poorest people.

"Beckenton, Dixson, and Skepper gave five pounds a piece, the Intrest to be dealt every year between Midsummer and Lammas  $\frac{1}{8}$ s.

"Mrs. Wright gave four poundes, the Intrest to be dealt every year about Michaelmass  $\frac{1}{8}$ .

"John Pettitt gave four pounds, the Intrest to be dealt upon St. John's Day to eight of the poorest people  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

"Mr. Richd. Mason gave teen pounds, the Intrest to be dealt yearly in the moneth of May  $\frac{1}{4}$ s.

"Mr. Edward Rust gave a dole of twenty shillings to be given yearly on Good Friday, a Pitell called the Reed Pitell<sup>1</sup> being tied for the payment thereof to twenty of the poorest widdows.

"No money given by ye doners is at six per cent.

"Mrs. Elizabeth Tinkler gave teen pounds to the Town of Necton, Intrest to be given to the poor widows of the parish upon the 25th day of November forever, the money to be paid by William Mason, Esq., teen shillings yearly."

By feoffment Ao. 2nd Edward IV., Sir William Yelverton and others granted to Thomas Large and others certain messuages, lands, &c., in Fransham, which they had then lately taken from Thomas Isaac and other.

By feoffment dated 14th March, 1554, Thomas Woodward and others granted to William Hawke and eight others two acres and a half of land in four pieces in the fields of Necton, upon trust to apply the rents in exoneration of the inhabitants from payment of all taxes, tenths, fifteenths, and other burthens.

In 1665 Reed Pightle, above mentioned, was vested in the same feoffees as the other estate; and in 1770 an exchange was made by the then feoffees (William Mason the younger being one) of part of the Fransham estate with Edward Case for other lands there. Conveyances to new trustees were made in 1787-8.

In 1828 new trustees were appointed by the Court of Chancery. The Fransham estate appears then to have consisted of a farm-house and one hundred and twenty eight acres of land, and the Necton estate of a cottage, barn, and 14a. 0r. 34p., besides two roods lying in land of William Mason, jun., called the Great Horse Close, which were not marked out. The rents were applied for the repairs of the fabric of the church and other expenses

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<sup>1</sup> These apparently in Col. Mason's handwriting. "This pightle at ye Inclosure was accounted for in being laid to the Town Farm in 1815."

Edward Rust, by his will dated 29th August, 1610, devised to Edmund Rust and his heirs two acres in Necton called Reed Pightle, upon trust that 20s. issuing out of the said premises should be distributed as above.—Report of Commissioners for inquiring concerning Charities, 29.

By indenture 29th October, 1624, the said Edmund Rust granted to Edward Rust and sixteen others the said pightle on trust that the yearly sum of 20s. should be distributed as aforesaid, with a proviso that when the number of trustees should be reduced to four, three, or two, the survivors should convey the said pightle to ten or twelve of the inhabitants of Necton.—Report of Commissioners, &c., 29.



connected with it; £2 yearly in respect of Rust's gift for a dole for poor widows; and another £2 as a dole for bread to the poor. Ten shillings also were yearly paid by William Mason, Esq., in respect of Tinkler's gift, the land on which it was charged being part of his estate.

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### MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

In 1526, 17th May, 18th Henry VIII., George Blomefyld of Necton made a feoffment to Sir *Thomas Bedingfeld*, Knt., and Ralph Cooke, Clerk, of a messuage and 13a. 3r. 0p., in Nekton, which they by deed, 28th January, 20th Henry VIII., conveyed to Thomas Echard of Great Yarmouth and others.

On the Common of Necton, next that of West Bradenham, stands a mound or tumulus, marked on the Ordnance Map as *North Hill*. It is surrounded by a trench from which the earth was taken. I am told it was opened some years since by the late Colonel Mason, and several objects of antiquity—arms and ornaments—were found in it, but I have no information of their fashion or material.

Amongst the MSS. in the British Museum is a charter without date, by which William de Sapie and Beatrix his wife released to *Henry, son of John Lestrangle* of Parva Fransham, as the *true heir*, and to his heirs, all their right and claim in all lands and rents and all tenements in the towns of Parva Fransham, Magna Fransham, and *Neketon*, which John Lestrangle and the aforesaid Beatrix, before wife of the said John, held of the gift of Roger Lestrangle the father of John, to hold to the said Henry and his heirs in fee simple, so that neither the said William nor Beatrix could have any right or claim or possession in the said premises. Witnessed by Sir William de Fransham, Jeffery his son, Alexander de Schernyng, Alexander Lestrangle, Thomas de Eston, Henry Petigard of Sporle, William son of Godfrey of Little Fransham, William de la Hale of Fransham, Bartholomew Anguiel, Richard de Oxwyke, Godfrey de Hokeryng, Hamon son of Richard, &c.

The names of some of these witnesses afford a clue to the date of the charter. Alexander de Skernyng was living about 24th Henry III., 1250, when he married the daughter and heir of Roger le Strange. Bartholomew Angell was one of the jurors at the inquisition post mortem of Robert de Tony, Ao. 3rd Edward II., 1310, as well as Henry le Strange. Geffry de Fransham, son of Sir William, was living 1323—1334.

The le Stranges of Fransham Parva were of the Litcham family, which was distinct from that of Hunstanton, and their manor appears to have extended into Necton, of the fee of Robert de Tony. Ralph le Strange, who was brother and heir of *John le Strange* of Litcham and *Clementia* his wife, and the last of that line, transmitted his interest in that manor to his descendants, *if Henry le Strange were a descendant*, as if there were some doubt of that fact; but in this charter Henry is especially named as the true heir and son of John and *Beatrix* his wife, her interest not being defined. I give this document in its entirety, as follows:—

## Additional Charter, Brit. Mus. 6192.

Notum sit omnibus tam p̃sentibus q̃m ffutuř qđ Ego Wiffrs de Sapie 7 Beat'x ũx mea Concessimus Reddidim' 7 omnino quiete clamauim' Henř fit Johis lest'nge de pua ffransh'am sicuti vero heredi 7 heredibus suis Totũ Jus et clamiũ quod huimus ũl hre potim' In omnibus 7ris omnib; redditibus 7 in omnibus teneñtis que huim' i villis de pua ffransh'am Mangna ffransh'am 7 Neketon que Johes lest'nge 7 p̃dicta Beat'x vx' quond' p̃dci Johis huerunt 7 tenuerũt ex dono Rogi lest'nge p̃ris p̃dci Johis cũ omnibus suis p̃tinēciis vt in Mesuagiis 7ris cultis 7 nō cultis Homagiis 7uiciis Redditibus vilenagiis consuetudinibus p̃tis pastuř Cōmunis Boscis Aquis viis semitis et cũ omnibus aliis libertatibus 7 p̃tinēciis que nos racoe p̃dcoz teneñtoz 7rarũ Reddituũ gtingere possunt Tenendę 7 hndę eidem Henrico 7 heredibus suis In feod hereditař Libe quiete Bene 7 pacifice faciendo Inde annuati capitalibus dnis feodi illius debita 7 consueta 7uicia que p p̃dco tēñto p̃tinēt faciend. Ita qđ n̄ Ego p̃dcs Wiffrs n̄ p̃dca Beat'x vx' mea nec aliquis nōie n̄ro aliquod Jus clamiũ seu saysinam exige ũl vindicare potim' in p̃dciis 7ris tēñtis ũl in aliquibus suis p̃tinenciis sič p̃dem est. In cui' rei testimoniũ p̃senti sc̃pto sigilla n̄ra apposui. Hiis testibus Dño Wiffo de ffransh'am Galfř fr̄e suo Alex' de Scherning Alex' lest'nge Thom de Eston Henř petigard de Sple Wiffo fit Godefr̄ de pua ffransh'am Wiffo de la Zale de ffransh'am Barthol Anguiel Rič de Oxcewyc Godefr̄ de Hokering Hamon fit Rič 7 aliis.

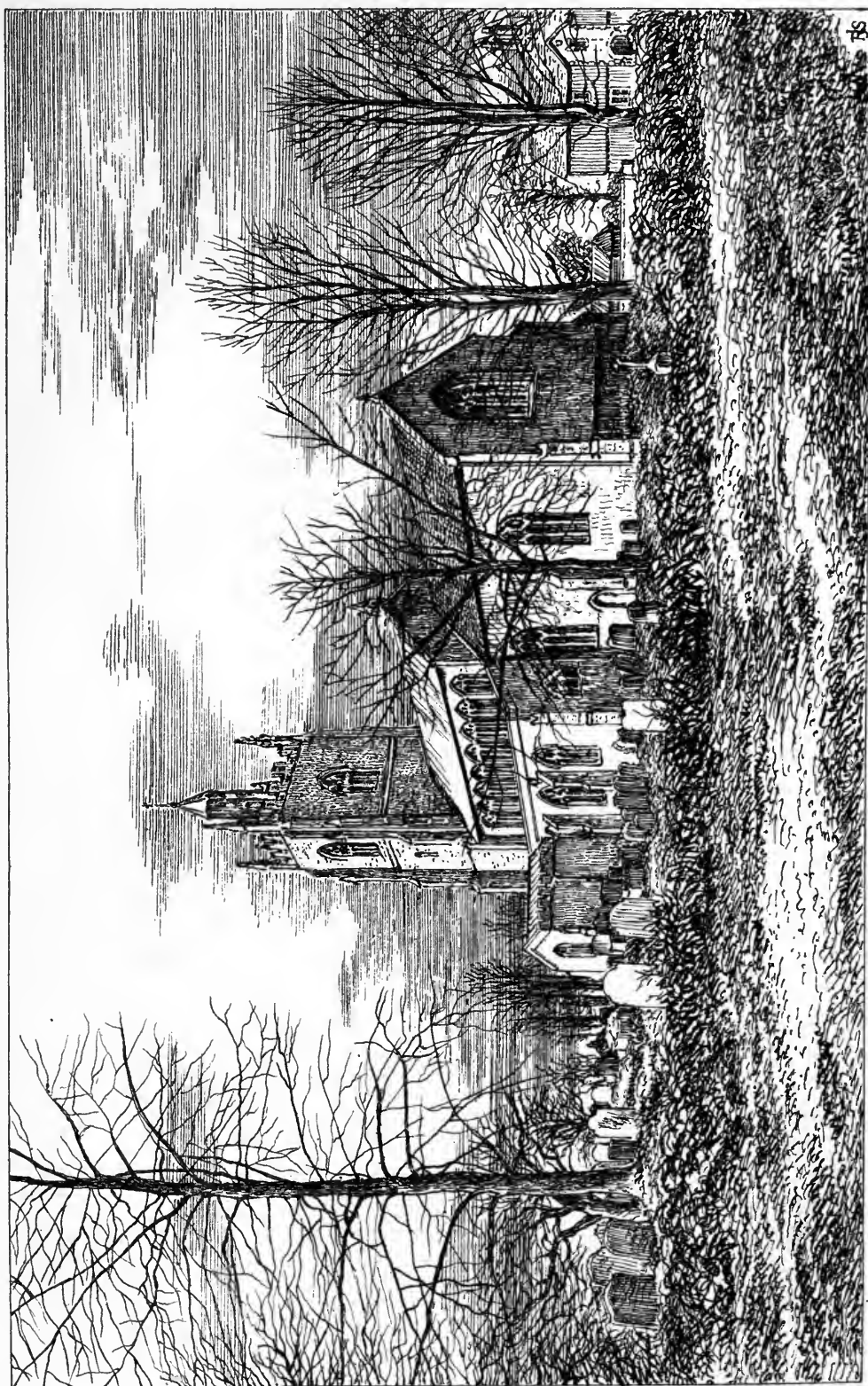
## NECTON CHURCH.

Blomefield says the church "is dedicated to all Saints, and is a beautiful and elegant structure. It consists of a nave, a north and a south aisle of flint, &c., covered with lead. The roof of the nave is of oak, curiously wrought and embellished with painting: here are angels with their wings expanded, supporting the principals; and under them, on pedestals, stand the twelve Apostles, carved out in oak, about 4 feet in length, painted and gilt with gold, with the instruments of their martyrdom in their hands: on the north side of the nave stand six, with the effigies of our Saviour, an orb and a cross in His right hand, in the midst, St. Peter standing next to Him on His right hand: on the south side stand the other six, with the Virgin Mary in the midst, St. John the Evangelist standing next to her on her right hand: and below these Apostles, on pedestals, are several bishops, to complete the work.

"At the west end of the nave stands a large and lofty square tower of flint, coped and embattled with freestone, in which is a ring of five good bells.

"At the end of the north aisle is a neat screen, which separates it from a chapel that lies further on the north side of the chancel.

"In the great east window are the arms of Tony."



NECTON CHURCH.



# MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS.

On the Floor inside Altar Rails are four black Marble Slabs.

Here lyeth  
the Body of the Revnd.  
William Young A.M.  
late Rector of this Parish  
and Holme Hale who died 27th Febr. 1794  
Aged 65 years.  
Also of Anne his wife  
who died March 18th 1809  
aged 70 years  
and also of Catharine their daughter.  
Also of Anne Young  
who died June 15th 1810  
aged 48 years.

Here lieth ye Body of  
Aster late wife of Iohn  
Rolfe Clerk (By whom  
he had 2 Daughters Mary  
Ann Phillis) wch said  
Aster Rolfe exchanged  
this Life for A better ye 27th  
day of March: in ye year of  
our Lord 1714, & of her Age  
ye 22d.

Here lyeth the body of the  
Rev'd. Thomas Young  
A.M.  
Late Rector of this Parish  
and Holm Hale  
Who died Sepr. 23rd 1857  
Aged 70 Years.  
Also  
The Rev. William Young  
who died Febry. 10th 1840  
Aged 71 Years.

Depositem  
Edmondi Bird A.M.  
Hujus Parochiæ Vicarij  
ob. 19 Iulij 1708  
Æt. 52.  
Hic jacet  
Sara Uxor Edmondi Bird  
Obt. 15 Nov. Ano. 1721 Æt. . . .  
Qualis erat Supremus indicabit Dies.

On the North Wall, within the Altar Rails, is a white Marble Slab with black Marble Border.

In memory of  
Rev. W. H. Walker M.A.  
of St. John's College Cambridge  
& nearly 10 years rector of this parish;  
he was cut off by a sudden death  
in the 39th year of his age,  
& the 2nd month of his marriage,  
at Interlachen in Switzerland  
June 29th 1870.  
This tablet was erected  
by his fond and aged mother.  
"He being dead yet speaketh."  
2 A 2

On the South Wall within the Altar Rails, is a black Marble Slab, part only of the inscription on which is visible.

Here lies Iohn  
son of Fran<sup>s</sup>. &  
.....

In the Chancel Floor, between Choir Stalls and Altar Rails, there is an Indent (opposite the gate) in a worn black Marble Slab, with no inscription.

Also three black Marble Slabs, one with figure 12 in. long, and Brass.

Orate p. aña Iohis Bacon geñosi  
q. obiit xx<sup>o</sup>. die mēsis Iulii anno Dñi  
m<sup>o</sup>iv<sup>o</sup>xxviii<sup>o</sup>. cui<sup>s</sup> aīe ppiciet<sup>r</sup>. D<sup>s</sup>.

Sacred  
to the memory of  
Edward Henry,  
youngest son of the  
Rev. John Preston Reynolds, M.A.  
Rector of this Parish  
and

Frances Elizabeth, his wife  
Born 4th Novr. 1837 :  
Died 12th Octr. 1858.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace,  
His mind was stayed on Thee.

Isaiah xxvi. iii.

Black Marble Slab with white Marble  
Border.

[Arms.]  
[Motto:] Favente Deo.  
Sacred  
to the memory of  
the Revd.  
John Preston Reynolds, M.A.,  
Rector of this parish,  
Born 27th October 1794  
Died 22nd May 1861  
also of  
Frances Elizabeth,  
his wife  
who died 1st July 1865 :  
Aged 73.

In the North Aisle, by the Eastern Arch of the Chancel, is a Brass, 3 ft. 8 in. long and 1 foot wide, with no inscription.

Also five black Marble Slabs.

1.

[Arms.]

To the Memory of  
Edward Rust

Son [covered by rail of pew]

Whose Family for several Centuries have been  
inhabitants of this Parish.

He departed this Life July the 8th 1748

In the 67th Year of his Age,  
Leaving behind him three Sons & one Daughter.

Viz.

Antho<sup>r</sup>. Edw<sup>d</sup>. Rich<sup>d</sup>. & Mary.

2.

[Arms.]

In Memory of  
Edward Rust Gent.

who departed this Life  
the 18th Day of December 1796  
in the 84th year of his Age  
leaving one Daughter married  
to Thomas Smyth Gent.

And also of Frances, his Wife,  
who was one of the Daughters  
and Coheireses of

Francis Barrett Gent :

She died June the 24th, 1799  
In the 85th year of her Age.

3.

[Arms.]

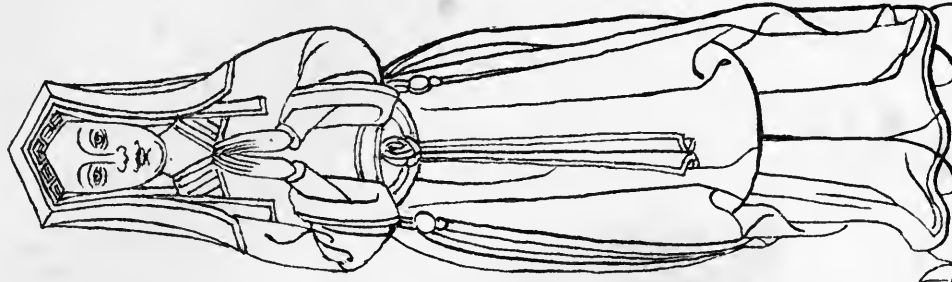
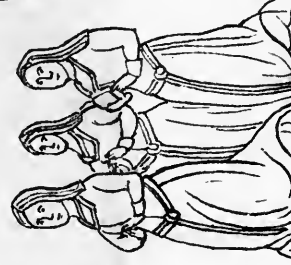
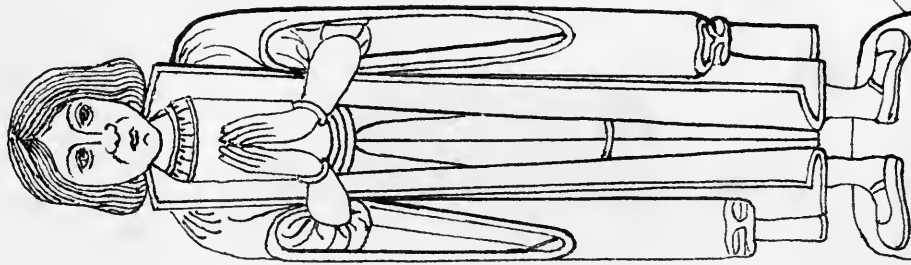
In Memory of  
Ann Claxton Wife of  
Thomas Smyth Gent :

[blocked out by pew rail]

Edward Rust Gent :  
and Frances his Wife.

She died March the 16th, 1818  
In the 63rd Year of her Age.

Also of James Smyth  
her Eldest Son  
who died May the 12th, 1809  
Aged 21 Years.

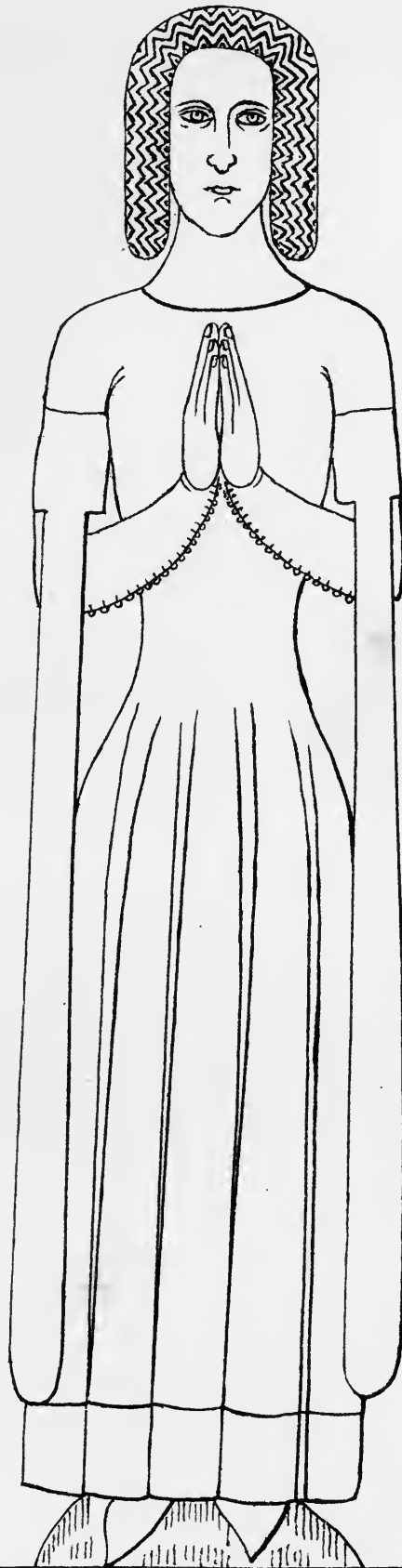


pater pater Robert Goodwyn et Sabina uxoris ei quondam Sabina obiit  
 xv die Aprilis Anno dñi m cccc xxxi quor auct propicietur deus


Robert Goodwyn & wife, Sabina Ob. 1532.

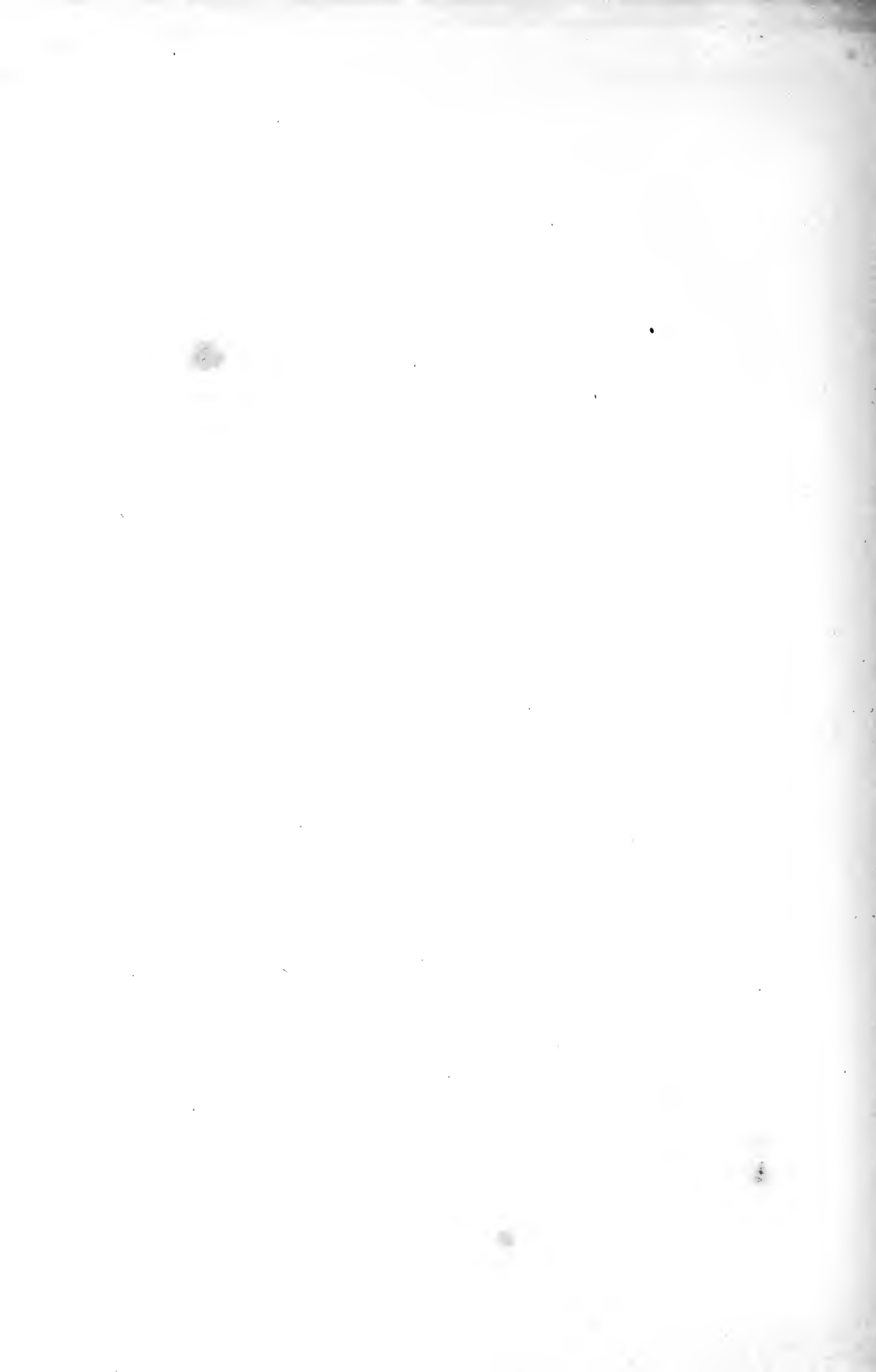






Imayne iadis la femme Willm de Wynton qe  
 moult le iour de Inocens l'an de gre. m 666  
 xxij gist icy dieu de salme ent mercy.

One  Foot  
 Brass to the Wife of W<sup>m</sup> de Wynston. Necton Ch.



4.

[Arms.]

In Memory of  
Elizabeth Relict of  
Edward Rust  
[one line blocked out]  
who departed this Life  
the 17th of August 1750  
In the 66 Year of her Age.  
Sacred to the Memory of  
Thomas Smyth Esqr.  
born 5th of Novr. 1747  
died 15th of July 1835.

5.

In Memory of  
Elizabeth the Wife of  
William Heard the younger,  
of Kempston in this County Gent.  
She was Eldest Daughter of  
Mrs. Elizabeth Rust,  
by her First Husband  
Mr. Henry Jenkerson.  
She died ye second day of August  
1757,  
in the 50th Year of her Age.

There is a small MS. book of Churchwardens' Accounts, an inch thick or thereabouts, the first entry in which begins thus :—

“Reconyng taken before y<sup>e</sup> Townshyppe of Necton on All Sowles Daye in y<sup>e</sup> xxvij<sup>th</sup> yere of y<sup>e</sup> reigne of Kyng Henry y<sup>e</sup> viij<sup>th</sup>.”

The following entries are extracted as specimens of the contents :—

“xxx<sup>o</sup> H. viij. . . Item receyved of Robt. Leu'et for seynt John Gyld, *iiijd.*  
r<sup>d</sup>. of R. Redrose for f<sup>m</sup>e of ij nete . . . *iijs. iiijd.*  
r<sup>d</sup>. of R. Page for a cow ferme . . . *xxd.*”

It appears that the parish owned cows and let them out for hire, a not unusual custom at that time: the early accounts are full of such entries.

“Reconyng made y<sup>e</sup> daye of All Sowles Ao. r. r. H. viij<sup>vi</sup> tricesimo sexto.  
ffyrst receyved of Thomas Aleyn for ferme of y<sup>e</sup> town House, *vijs.*”

And so the accounts are continued uninterruptedly down to 1692. “Blyford” is frequently mentioned. The name of Mason constantly recurring.

## Holme Hale.

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**T**HIS parish, bordering on and being in some respects interlaced with West Bradenham, and comprised in the same Inclosure Act, and being also connected with Necton in part of its history, I have made a few notes concerning it.

For the early history of the chief manor, to which was attached the view of frankpledge or lete, I refer to Parkin's *Continuation of Blomefield*, where we learn that from the family of Jenny of Suffolk it came to that of Bedingfeld of Oxburgh, of which I have already given an account under Necton. He tells us that the Jennys<sup>1</sup> were "lords of the original manors and free tenements of *Whiteoke, Hill Hall, Whites, Elwyns, Grouses, and Franshams*, with their members in Holme Hale." That "in the reign of Q. Elizabeth Anthony Bedingfeld, Esq., third son of Sir Henry Bedingfeld of Oxburgh, was lord, which Anthony married Elizabeth, one of the daughters and coheirs of Ralph Danyel of Swaffham, Gent.; and that Anthony Bedingfeld of Testerton in Norfolk, Esq., descended from the aforesaid Anthony, died lord in 1707, whose son Francis Bedingfeld sold it to Henry Ibbot of Swaffham, attorney; and his son Benjamin Ibbot, Gent., [he says] is the present lord." This I am able to confirm from the court books, from which, by the courtesy of the steward of the manor, I have been allowed to make extracts. The style is entered therein, being "HOLME HALE WHITE OAKE LEET CUM MEMBRIS."

The earliest entry preserved is of "*Curia Generalis Antonij Bedingfeld, Ar'*, ibidem tent." 1mo. Feb. Ao. "Dni. n'ri Jacobi secundi nunc Regis Angliæ," &c., 4to, A.D. 1688-9, "per *Matteo Cufaude, gen', Sen'llm ibm.*"

On 26th September, 1689, it was "*Visus Franci Plegij sive Leta Dni. Regis et Regine*" (William and Mary) with the general court, &c. For the court lete twelve jurors were sworn, and twenty-four other residents were presented as defaulters. Those present include the names of "James Venger," "John Case," but no other presentments were entered.

After 1695 the courts were held only once a year.

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<sup>1</sup> Sir Edward Jenny, Knt., of Knodsal, Suffolk, in his will, dated 14th Henry VIII. (1522) mentions, with much other property, his manor of *Holmes Hale, Wheights*, and the *advowson and leet of Hale*.

Manor courts were held usually every three months, and the view of frankpledge once in every year, by and before the same lord and steward. At the court held in September, 1699, nineteen persons were sworn on the jury of the lete, but no presentments or proceedings are entered. Anthony Bedingfeld remained lord on 26th September, 1706, but at that court John Covell, Gent., appears as steward, instead of Matthew Cufaude. The first court of *Margarete Bedingfeld*, widow, with the lete, &c., was held 25th September, 1707, John Covell being steward.

At the court lete on September 22nd, 1709, twelve capital pledges were sworn on the lete jury, and twenty-seven residents were presented as defaulters; and here for the first time the lete ordinances are entered in the proceedings as follows:—

“Item ordinant quod null’ pson custodiet vacas super Regiam viam vel Campos sub pena unius solidi pro quolibet vacca.

“Item ordinant quod nulla persona liberabit averias in campo ante tinnatum campane [Anglice, before the ringing of the shack bell] sub pena quinque solidorum pro quolibet peccore.

“Item ordinant qd. talis pson qui avehet ullum frugem [Anglice, corn] ex campo sonabit campanam [Anglice, shall ring the shack bell] sub pena quinque solidarum & quatuor denariorum in defaultu inde.

“Item presentant . . . . . Eyer, viduam, pro custodia ovium [Anglice, for keeping of sheep] in campo contra consuetudinem inde.

“Item ordinant qd. null’ pson custodiet porcos [Anglice, shall keep hogs] . . . . . [Anglice, without ringing them] sub pena duorum denar’ pro quolibet porco solv’ Imparcatori et quatuor denar’ pro quolibet porco ex<sup>a</sup> villa.

“Item . . . . predicto Impercator dua denaria pro quolibet magna bestia qui capietur in campo infra sex [Anglice, not exceeding six.]

“Item ordinant qd. null’ person’ custodiet averias [Anglice, sheep or steers] in campo vel commun’ pastura sub pena duodecim denariū separatim.

“Item presentant Thomam Capps pro erect’ domus super communem.

“Item presentant Johannem Ripps pro non purgante scrobis juxta longa claus’ su [Anglice, for not scouring up his ditch next the long close.]”

Then follow “Electio subconstabulorum” and “Eleccio impercatoris,” and these are repeated at every subsequent court.

John Covell remained steward in September, 1721, but on 13th December in that year Henry Ibbott, Gent., had the stewardship, which was the last court of Margaret Bedingfeld.<sup>1</sup> The next, on January 8th, 1722, was the court of Francis Bedingfeld, Esq., who was still lord on May 8th, 1728, but seems about that time to have sold the manor; for on November 28th in that year Henry Ibbott, who had hitherto been the steward, held the courts as lord, when, besides twelve of the chief pledges sworn on the lete jury, twenty-one are named as residents making default in their suit; and then Robert Crow became steward. As there are some trifling variations in the proceedings I again extract them.

<sup>1</sup> She died in 1722, see monumental inscription.

“Item presentant omnes tales personas qui custodient vaccas super *le Cross* aut altas vias aut in campo de Holme Hale et amercant quenquam personam in uno solido pro quolibet vacca ibidem custod’ forisfec’ Domino manerij predicti’.

“Item presentant et amercant omnes tales personas que custodient averia soluta in campo de Holme Hale p<sup>d</sup>c<sup>t</sup> quinque solidis pro quolibet averio ibi custod’.

“Et concordatur inter juratos predictos quod quisquis persona qui utitur et occupat terrās et tenementa infra oppido de Holme Hale predicto et infra jurisdictione hujus curie gaudebunt terr<sup>i</sup> et tenement<sup>i</sup> infra oppido de Holme Hale p<sup>r</sup>ædicto sic quo nos respective utim<sup>i</sup> et occupam<sup>i</sup> de tempore in tempus et omni tempore in anno ad solum beneficium et advantageum eorum sine interruptione alicujus alie persona sub preten<sup>c</sup>ōne juris communis pasture super easdem ad aliquid tempus aut tempore in anno.

“Item presentant omnes tales personas que custodient porcos in campo aut comune villæ predictæ inanulatos et amercant tales personas duobus denariis pro quolibet porco in villa et quatuor denariis pro quolibet porco extra villam solvend’ imperatori et etiam duobus denariis pro quolibet bestia magna quam caperet in campis infra sex.

“Item presentant omnes personas quæ custodient oves aut boves in campo aut communi pastura villæ predictæ et amercant eos uno solido separatim pro quolibet ove aut bove ita custod’.

“Item presentant omnes personas que custodient equos vel equas super *le Cross* aut altas vias et amercant eos quinque solidis separatim pro quolibet equo aut equa ita custod’.

“Item presentant domum Henrici Postler pertinentem molendino que domus non habet jus depasturandi super comunem pasturam de Holme Hale p<sup>r</sup>d.”

On and from 1733 to 1741 the proceedings are all entered in English, and so I extract the lete presentments again in interpretation of those preceding.

“Wee the Jury aforesaid upon our oaths doe present all persons that keep Hoggs in our Field or common Pasture unrung and amerce them two pence apiece for every Hogg so kept and four pence apiece for out town Hoggs.

“Wee present all persons that keep sheep or stears in our Feild or Common Pasture without leave and amerce them one shilling apiece for every sheep or stear there kept.

“Wee present all persons that keep cows upon the cross or highways and amerce them two shillings apiece for every cow so kept.

“Wee present all persons that keep cattle loose in the Feild and amerce them one shilling apiece for every beast so kept. And wee all doe agree that there shall be no shack. But that every one may make the best of his owne land.

“Wee present all persons that rope horses or mares upon the cross or highways and amerce them five shillings a piece for every horse or mare there roped.

“Wee present all Headburroughs and Handburroughs that owe suite and service to this Court and have made default thereof and amerce them six pence apiece.

“Wee find the House that belong to the Mill that was late Henry Postlers to be cottage and that it have no right to common.”

These rules or bye-laws are all entered in the same words as the proceedings of every

future court leet. However, in 1745, and some years afterwards, over the names of the jurors is written, "The great Inquest of our Lord the King"; and the presentments have this heading, "By Laws and Ordinances presented by the said Inquest concerning the Common and Field of Holme Hale established and warranted by antient custom within the said Manor." The constables and pinder were also yearly appointed or re-elected. Sometimes the language is somewhat extended, but latterly there is only the brief entry, "We have nothing further to present but the antient usages and customs of the said parish of Holme Hale."

In these and similar assemblies we see the foundations of the principles of local self-government which have since resulted in the formation of local boards, &c.

In 1735, on September 25th, and afterwards, Elizabeth Ibbott, widow, held the courts as guardian to Benjamin Ibbott, Gent., Thomas Ibbott, Gent., being the steward.

On and after September 28th, 1738, Benjamin Ibbott himself was lord, described in 1756 as of the City of Westminster, Gent. Between October 8th, 1761, and October 14th, 1762, Thomas Ibbott, being probably dead, was replaced by William Clarke Woodbine as steward. On May 18th, 1775, and afterwards, Christopher Atkinson, Esq., was lord, and the courts were held before James Whiting, Gent., as deputy steward.

We read also in Blomefield that Ralph Danyel, before mentioned, held a capital messuage here called *Berres* or *Burers Hall*, which hall was purchased of the Bedingfelds by the Eyres. If so, it was previous to their purchase of Necton, as in the conveyance of the latter in 1742 both Peter Eyre, then deceased, and James Eyre, the party, are described as of *Burreys Hall*, for the description of lands copyhold of the chief manor, abutments on lands of the manor of *Barraies* or *Barryers*, are often mentioned.<sup>1</sup> I believe it was originally *Bures*. The estate became reunited to the chief manor, of the more recent history of which I am ignorant, except that in the year 1798 Christopher Savile, Esq., of Park Street, Westminster, described as lord of "the Manor of Holme Hale White Oak Leet with the Members," granted the same, with the messuage of Holme Hale Hall and farms containing three hundred and twelve acres and a half of land, to Albany Savile his son. In the Holme Hale and West Bradenham Inclosure Act in 1804, however, Christopher Savile was treated as lord of the manor, and an allotment was made to him in respect of his right of soil.

The Rectory, which had been consolidated with that of Necton in 1784, in the patronage of Mr. J. Younge, was disunited in 1840, and the advowson of the next turn was sold to the Reverend Henry Milne, who was presented on his own petition in 1844. The Rectory, with fifty-eight acres of glebe land, was estimated at the yearly value of £680. There was and is also a Rectory Manor.

The area of the parish is 2600 acres, the rateable value being £4520. The population in 1871 was 437.

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<sup>1</sup> Some part of it appears to have laid in West Bradenham and was called *Berry's*; and land is described as abutting on the *fee of Berrys*.

## HOLME HALE MANOR.

In 11th Elizabeth, 1567, the style was, "Holme Hale apud Whight Oke in Hale." In 13th Elizabeth, "Holme Hale in Hale." In 1646, "Holme Hale White Oake Leet."

In 1633 Ann Bedingfeld, widow, was lady of the manor of Holme Hale.

At a court for the manor of Holme Hale, 19th December, 9th Car., 1633, James Nonne surrendered nine acres of meadow in Holme Hale, surrendered to him by John Nonne his brother 15th Jac., to use of Richard Mason, his heirs, &c., who was admitted. And at a court for the manor of Hale Rectory on the same day, Richard Mason was admitted on surrender of same James to one acre copyhold of that manor.

At a court for Holme Hale White Oak Leet, 24th September, 1646, Richard Mason was dead; John Mason his son and heir, aged twenty years, was admitted to copyhold late of James Nonne.

## NOTES, &amp;c., FROM COURT BOOKS.

In 1718 Elizabeth Hastings, widow, Susanna, wife of William Browne, and John Glover, son and heir of Ann Glover, deceased, were admitted to copyhold as coheirs of Robert Wenn, deceased.

In 1723 Robert Crowe<sup>1</sup> was admitted on the regrant of the lord to a messuage void called Steers, lying in *Coates* and other places.

On December 3rd, 1723, John Mason of Necton, Gent., was admitted on surrender of Eastgate and wife; and in 1725, on surrender of same, Henry Case of Sparham Hall in Necton, yeoman, and Mary his wife were admitted.

In 1730 Matthew Clements and Sara his wife were admitted on his surrender and regrant to messuage with *Harrys* alias *Hares Yard* and fifty-nine acres of copyhold.

In 1754 Thomas Quarles of Foulsham, Gent., as eldest son and heir of Thomas Quarles, deceased, was admitted to copyhold in Holme Hale, which in 1756 he surrendered to the lord.

In 1755 Catherine, the wife of John *Baldus* of Pudding Norton, Gent., and Ann, the wife of James *Jones* of Fakenham, surgeon, were daughters and coheiresses of John Nonne, deceased, and were admitted to copyhold of Holme Hale manor in North Pickenham, in *Chappell Close*, between lands of the manor of *Virles*, late the *Priory of Blackborow*, and of the manor of *Sporle*, on the site of the tenement *Steeres*, and on the tenement void called *Dickmans*, surrendered in 1775 to Robert Say of Swaffham, Clerk. Robert Say died intestate, and Thomas *Say* of Swaffham, surgeon, was in 1785 his brother and heir.

John *Swanton* of Grimston, Clerk, by will 15th February, 1759, devised estate at Holme Hale, *Sporle*, and Little Dunham, to his niece Deborah *Bunting*<sup>2</sup> in fee. She was the wife of Edward Bunting of East Dereham, Clerk. John Swanton had the copyhold part on surrender of Hart Swanton in 1743, and was dead in 1760. Bunting and wife surrendered

<sup>1</sup> He appears to have been steward of this manor.

<sup>2</sup> She was Deborah Tooke of Grimston, married there in 1753.



and were re-admitted to hold for their respective lives, with remainder to her heirs, one piece in *Tendall Furlong*, another in a certain way called *Small Masty Way*, another at *Wrong Land* abutting on *Southwell Way*, another at the *Straitway*.

Edward Case, by will dated 18th January, 1760, devised to his son Charles Case, and refers to settlement made on his son Edward.

In 1768 Thomas Swift, Gent., was found brother and heir of John Swift, Clerk, deceased, under whose will Gilbert Custing of Shipdham, Gent., called his cousin, took estate in Sporle and Palgrave in 1782.

In 1774 William Dalton, a minor, was found heir of Francis Dalton, deceased, being eldest son of Thomas Dalton, who was brother and heir of Thomas.

In 1785 Thomas Bodham of Mattishall, Clerk, who was eldest son of Thomas Bodham, was admitted as devisee under his father's will dated 18th September, 1778.

In 1787 Thomas Dalton, of Bishop Stortford, Clerk, was found only brother and heir of William Dalton, deceased.

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#### MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

By indenture dated 27th November, 31st Elizabeth, George Nonne of North Pickenham, Gent., conveyed to Paule Mason of Necton, yeoman, in exchange for two pieces of land in the field of North Pickenham, enfeofed by Mason to Nonne of same date, another piece of land in North Pickenham, containing five roods, next land of Paul, abutting on Braks Close.

By indenture dated 1st December, 45th Elizabeth, William Jermyne of Sturston, Norf., Esq., son and heir of Edmund Jermyne, late of same place, deceased, for £80 conveyed to George Nunne of North Pickenham, Gent., a close in Holme Hale, next the close of said Nunne, called *Ishall alias Isaughs*, containing fourteen acres, which Jermyne purchased of Richard Wightman, to hold to Nunne in fee. These fourteen acres afterwards went by the name of Jermyne's Close.

In 1623 John Nonne of North Pickenham, Gent., by deed dated 24th October, 21st Jac., granted to Simon Thompson and his heirs Crowe Hill Pightell in North Pickenham, and half an acre there next Brakys Close, which he inherited from George Nonne his father.<sup>1</sup>

At a court for the Rectory Manor of Hale, Dudley Hopton, Clerk, being rector there, *die Jovis prox' ante fest. Sci. Michi.* 24th Car. (1648). Upon the death of *Richard Mason*, seised of one acre of copyhold inclosed, late of John Palfryman, in Hale, which he took on surrender of *James Nonne*, Gent., at court 9th December, 9th Car., *John Mason*, eldest son and heir, being of full age, was admitted.

*Thomas Ever* of Holme Hale, Gent., entered into a bond, dated 19th April, 18th Car. II. (1666) for £600 to accompany mortgage of same date to *John Mason* of Necton, Gent.

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<sup>1</sup> George Nunne, Gent., was buried at North Pickenham in 1616; George Nunn, Gent., in 1633.—Blomefield, vi. 69. In 1590, "this family hath an estate still in this parish, and John Nunne, Esq., Barrister-at-law, held it lately."—Ib. 76.

After the death of Abigail Mott, widow, in 1700, Robert Blyford, guardian to John Mott, aged five years, was admitted to copyhold of which she died seized.

Thomas Dugate, Gent., by will dated 28th April, 1703, gave estate in Holme Hale to Grace his wife for life.

In 1704 Edmond Beaghan of East Bradenham, Esq., was admitted on absolute surrender of Ralph Williams, Clerk, of East Harling.

In 1719 Richard Dugate, eldest son and heir of Thomas Dugate, deceased, surrendered copyhold to use of Thomas Dalton of Cockley Cley, yeoman.

Samuel *Needham*, Clerk, (who was dead before 20th May, 1719) by his will, dated 21st June, 1718, devised to his son Peter Needham, called Peter Needham, D.D. And the latter, who was Rector of Stanwick, co. Northampton, by his will, dated 10th May, 1723, devised to his sister Elizabeth Townshend for life and her issue in tail male, with remainder to his cousin Peter Needham of New College, Oxford, second son of his late worthy uncle Mr. Peter Needham, in tail male, with a remainder to the corporation appointed for the relief of the widows and children of poor clergymen, by what name, style, or title they are called, known, or incorporated, and to their successors for ever. Elizabeth Townshend and Dr. Needham both dying without issue male, the charitable devise took effect, and the reversion became vested in the corporation, which, by letter of attorney dated 15th December, 1733, appointed Malachi Hawtayne, Esq., one of the treasurers, as attorney to take admission to the copyholds of the Holme Hale manor, who was admitted as such to land in East Bradenham.

John *Lynes*, Gent., who died in 1722, by will dated 28th October, 1717, devised all his real estate to John Lynes his son in fee.

In 1795 Thomas *Dugate* of Docking was found nephew and heir of Ezra Willis, deceased.

The Town or Chantry estate, containing by survey 46a. 1r. 38p., was lately let at £90 yearly rent.

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### NAMES OF LOCALITIES.

In 1594 John Lynes, sen., of Dunham Parva was admitted, on surrender of George Wright, Clerk, to several pieces of copyhold—*apud le Deale*; in *Bromley Furlong*, juxta *Erneford Land's End*; in *Short Furlong*; in *Nether Calgrave*; in *Grave-feild*, super *Greene-gate Way*—which said George Wright held under the will of Robert Wright his brother in 1631, and other lands apud *Elders Stubs Furlong* under the will of James Wright. And Richard Mason, son of John Mason, deceased, released to said John Lynes.

In 1678 Samuel Jessopp had land with a messuage next *Danbridge Meadow*, and close called *Harwings*.

In 1695 Robert Crow of Ashill was admitted from surrender of William Weake, D.D., and Etheralda his wife to copyhold lands in the quarentine called *Kings Furlong* and in *Buntings Croft*.

In 1696 John Anger, Gent., was admitted as son and heir-at-law of Edward Anger, Esq., deceased, to a tenement and lands called *Buntings*, late of Elizabeth Fortescue, widow.

In 1708 Samuel *Needham* of West Bradenham, Clerk, was admitted to same.

In 1710 John Ange of Vintners' Hall, London, by power of attorney, authorised Samuel Needham, Clerk, and another to surrender copyhold to such persons as Robert Martin should nominate, and on such nomination surrendered to the use of John Covell lands in close called *Buntings* and in *Hilhall* Field.

In that year other copyholds of John Ange, which had been seized by the lord for non-payment of quit-rent after proclamations, were regranted to him.

Under the will of Thomas Anger, Gent., of Holme Hale, dated 6th September, 1711, Frances his widow was admitted for life to thirty-two acres of copyhold, whereof part abutted super quondam viam vocatam *Behorb* Way (elsewhere, comunem sive viam vocat. *Behorbs Comon* and *Behorbs Gate*, and prope *Behorbs Hurne*); another, "super viam ducentem ex *Erneford Bridge*"; others in quodam loco voc. *Greengate*.

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## GENEALOGICAL NOTES.

### BUCKWORTH.

The Buckworths, some time of North Pickenham and latterly of Cley, had property extending into this manor if not into the parish; and in 1692 Thomas Buckworth, Esq., as cousin and heir of Everard Buckworth, Esq., then deceased,<sup>1</sup> was admitted to a messuage called *Eakes*, and lands in North Pickenham and Pickenham *Coates* abutting on Sporle Common; a messuage void called Hubbards in Pickenham Coates, formerly of William Buckworth, Esq.; another messuage formerly called Leches, another called Cozens, a fifth called Reads; and to fifty-eight acres in forty-four pieces, amongst the abutments of which are mentioned a tenement called Kirsteads Coats Meadow; "Pratum quondam *Magistri Latyn* voc. *Dickmans*"; tenementum manerii de *Groos*; ten. manerii de *Pettigates*; "ten. manii. de *Barryers*, vocat. *Hill House*"; *Damme Meadow*, quondam vocat. *Earnford* Meadow; quarentena vocat. *Hundell* Furlong; terra vocat. *Futters* Acre, in le *Peas Clos*; Regiam viam vocat. *Helgate* Style; pratum vocat. *Hill Hall Damm*; terram vocat. *Groos*; tenement *Bulwares*; tenement *Ringslands*; pratum vocat. *Dickmans*; *Ruells* lands; tenement *Kirsteads*; terras nuper *Priori de Blackborrow*; terras manerii de *Virles*; terram manerii de *Sporle*; viam vocat. *Walsingham Way*.

These were surrendered in 1695 by Thomas Buckworth to the use of Theophilus Buckworth, sen., and Theophilus Buckworth, jun., of Wisbech, absolutely. Theophilus Buckworth, sen., by his will, dated 7th November, 1698, appointed his good friends, Henry Heaver alias Oxburgh of Emneth, Esq., Henry Edwards and Nathaniel Fox of Wisbech,

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<sup>1</sup> Everard Buckworth of Emneth, Gent., in his will, dated in 1692, of which his kinsman Thomas Buckworth of Wisbech was devisee, names his cousins Henry Oxburgh and Theophilus Buckworth. His descendant, Everard Buckworth, about 1760, married Ann, natural daughter of Paston Herne, Esq., and assumed the name of *Herne*.

Gentlemen, trustees for the sale of all his estate in Pickenham and *Hale*, granted to him and his late son and their heirs by their kinsman Thomas Buckworth, Gent.; which Theophilus the son died before his father. The trustees were admitted to the copyhold premises, and in 1702 surrendered to the use of Edward Bodham of Swaffham, grocer, absolutely.

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#### BEAGHAN OF EAST BRADENHAM.

The death of Edmund Beaghan, Esq., was presented in the manor of Holme Hale at court 26th September, 1725. He had been admitted to copyhold there in 1705, and was succeeded by Edmund Hungate Beaghan, his eldest son, of full age, to whom he had by will, dated 3rd December, 1724, devised all his estate in Norfolk for life, with remainder in tail male. Upon the death of Edmund Hungate Beaghan, George Beaghan, the only son and heir of his body, was admitted in the manor of West Bradenham as tenant in tail, in which manor a recovery was suffered in 1769, and that copyhold was surrendered to the use of Edward Buckley Batson, Esq. At a court held in 1793 it was stated that Mr. Batson was admitted in 1769 by the direction of and as trustee for Thomas Bridges, Esq., since deceased, and that Thomas Clarke of Westminster, Esq., was then in possession and receipt of rents, and that he without licence had felled timber, whereupon the copyhold became forfeited, for which £25 was paid as compensation. About the same time Thomas Bridges, who was a copyhold tenant of the Holme Hale manor, devised all his estates in Norfolk and Suffolk to Charles Feake, M.B., and Edward Buckley Batson, as trustees, and Batson only was admitted to copyhold of that manor. This trust probably was the same as that by which the manor of East Bradenham was held, namely, for the Rev. Thomas Clarke and Thomas Truesdale Clarke his son, and so went to the Strudwicks.

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#### HOLMAN.

John Holman of Holme Hale, yeoman, was admitted in 1723, on surrender of Edward Claxton, to a messuage and 14a. 3r. 20p. in Holme Hale, copyhold of that manor, part in Millfield, other part apud *Berrys Falgate*, &c.; and in 1728, by the name of John Holman, on surrender of Richard Waineforth to other.

In 1756 Thomas Holman, nephew and devisee of John Holman, deceased, was admitted to the above and also two messuages, 19a. 3r. 20p. The estate in West Bradenham consisted of a small farm-house and thirty-seven acres of land.

In 1767 Thomas Holman, jun., of Swaffham, Gent., took forty acres of copyhold in Holme Hale on surrender of Roger Pratt.

In 1780, Thomas Holman being dead, Thomas Holman of Downham, Gent., the only son and heir of his body, was admitted.

In 1788 Martha, the daughter of Thomas Holman, was married to William Custance, Gent., and had a son, Holman Custance, who in 1837 was Lieutenant-Colonel of the 10th Foot and had a staff appointment.

## COLVILLE ALS. COVELL ALS. COLVEY OF HOLME HALE.

In 1649 Edward Heyhoo and Mary his wife settled estate on James Jordan for life, remainder to Roger Colvy (eldest son of Thomas Colvy) in tail, remainder to James Colvy (half brother of Roger) in fee, under which James succeeded.

James Jordan, Gent. (who was dead in 1654), by will devised estate at Holme Hale to Thomas Colvy the elder, his nephew, for a term of two years, then to James Colvy, youngest son of Thomas. James Colvy and Catharine his wife named.

James Covell alias Colvy (who was dead in 1680) gave Anna his wife the capital messuage where he lived and other hereditaments in Holme Hale for life, remainder to John his only son by her, appointing his brother-in-law John Cotton trustee for sale.

At a court for Holme Hale manor in 1722, after mentioning the death of James Colvey several years before, and of John Covell in that year, leaving John Covell, Gent., his son and heir, who was also heir of James Colvey his grandfather, said John the son was admitted to several pieces of copyhold, which came to James, after the death of Roger his brother and others, from John Covell the father, altogether in fourteen separate admissions and copies.

The name of John Covell appears as steward of the manor of Holme Hale, &c., in 1707. This of course was John Covell the father. By his will, dated 12th May, 1742, he devised all his real estate in Holme Hale, &c., which had descended to him paternally, unto Robert Colville of Newton Colville, Esq., and to Spelman Swaine of Leverington, Esq., and to the survivor of them, upon certain trusts.

There can be no doubt that the family of *Covell* was the same as that of *Colville*, the *l* being silent, as in those of many other names; *i.e.*, we can most of us remember how Palmerston used to be pronounced Parmeston; Malvern, Mawvern; St. Alban's, St. Auban's; and others; and Covell afterwards became further corrupted into Colvey and Cowell.

The death of John Covell was presented at the West Bradenham court 8th October, 1724, and in 1726, after three proclamations, the copyholds of that manor were seized into the hands of the lord for want of a tenant; whereas in the Holme Hale manor Spelman Swaine was admitted to the copyholds under the devise in Covell's will. To the former, however, John Covell, the only son of the deceased, was admitted in 1728, on the regrant of the lord; and upon his death in 1744 Spelman Swaine, being the surviving devisee, was admitted also in that manor, and in 1759 surrendered them to the lord for the purpose of enfranchisement.

## STRUDWICK.

Gibson Lucas, who in 1737 resided at Shipdham,<sup>1</sup> when he purchased some land in West Bradenham from Francis Jessopp, was afterwards described as of Fornham St. Martin, in Suffolk, Esq., and by his will, dated there 20th January, 1756, devised estates at East

<sup>1</sup> His wife was Rachel Prest of East Bradenham, to whom he was married there 3rd March, 1718.

Dereham and Westfield to his granddaughter Sarah Strudwick in tail, with remainders over to his grandchildren Edmund Strudwick, Katherine, and George Lucas Strudwick, successively in tail. He was dead in 1758, leaving Sarah, wife of Edmund Strudwick, Esq., his only child and heir. She was dead in 1772, and George Lucas Strudwick, Esq., of Shipdham, was her eldest son and heir, who under his grandfather's will was tenant for life, with remainder to his first and other sons in tail general, remainders to the daughters in tail.

George Lucas Strudwick had no lawful issue, male or female, and on his death Edmund Strudwick became tenant for life, with remainder to his sons and daughters successively in tail. He married a Miss Osborn, but his only lawful issue was a daughter, named Elizabeth Maria Strudwick. He had a son named Edmund Peter Strudwick, by one Elizabeth Burks, but not born in wedlock. Edmund Strudwick was buried at East Bradenham, 13th November, 1778. Mrs. Sarah Strudwick the mother died in 1771; and Sarah the granddaughter, and first devisee in tail under the will of Gibson Lucas, married first the Rev. Peter Grain Crofts of Trinity College, Cambridge, and of Lewes in Sussex, (marriage articles dated 5th June, 1772, she being then of Ipswich) by whom she had three sons and one daughter, all under age in 1781. She afterwards married the Rev. John Smyth of Rands near Thrapston, co. Northampton, Clerk. The estate comprised in the settlement was sold in 1789 by the trustees, George Lucas Strudwick and John Crofts, jun., of Lincoln's Inn, Esq. Of the Bradenham property a recovery was suffered and the entail barred in 1811, by Eliza Mason Strudwick and Edmund Peters.

From a Recusant Roll of Charles I., Norff. P. R. O.

Teneñ duař p̄tium terræ & teñtoř Cordell Bradbury de South Pickenham, Ar., deb̄t £66. 13s. 4d. per annum, de Firma & p̄tium maner de South Pickenham, nup̄ perquisit̄ de Georgio Nonne, Gen., in tenura p̄di Cordelli, aññ valor £60, ac 2 p̄tium unī Inclaus vocat̄ *Old Wrights in Holme Hale* in occupat̄ [. . .] aññ valor £40, in manibus Dñi Regis Caroli, xxx<sup>mo</sup> Marci, Ao. Regis 2<sup>do</sup>, p̄ Thoñ Holton, vič et at comisioner' racione recusant̄ ipsius Cordelli,<sup>1</sup> cap̄t et seiť vid̄ de eadem firma a Festo Annui B. V. M. A<sup>o</sup>. r. 2, usque idem festum p̄ aññ sequent̄ sciťt p̄ unū annū integrū.

In the Calendar of State Papers (Domestic Series) 1611—1618, is a reference to a grant, amongst others of the same kind, to Arthur Mills, "Grome of ye Privey Chamber," of the benefit of the Recusancy of "Cordwall Bradbury," of Pickenham, co. Norfolk, dated 27th June, 1611.

<sup>1</sup> In treating of the rectory of South Pickenham Blomefield notes "Cordwell Bradbury, Generosus, jus hereditario patronus est, &c., eo quod dictus Bradbury fuit et est Papista recusans indicatus et convictus," &c. The assizes in 1630.—vi. p. 75. He also says that what was called Latimer's moiety of the manor of South Pickenham was conveyed about the end of Queen Elizabeth's reign to Thomas Bradbury, Gent., who conveyed to Sir Henry Holme; but in the extracts which he gives from the parish registers a son of Cordell Bradbury and Elizabeth his wife was baptized at South Pickenham in 1616.

## THE CHURCH OF HOLME HALE

consists of nave, north aisle, and chancel, with square tower at the west end, and north porch. The interior is said by Blomefield to be about eighteen yards in length, and, including the aisle, about ten yards in breadth. The east window of three lights in the Perpendicular style is a recent insertion, under which the wall has been panelled as a reredos. A south window of three lights has also Perpendicular tracery, and at the bottom of the arched recess is a sedile; and again, westward of this, is another broad arched recess in the wall, in which is another sedile; the former inside, the latter outside the altar rails. In the east jamb of this window is an arched and cusped opening to a piscina, with another opening to the north, resting on a slender column at the angle, which is of earlier date, and has been turned upside down. Within the niche remains a wooden shelf. A north window opposite has been blocked up, in the eastern jamb of which is an arched niche having two blank shafts in the spandrels, under a square bead moulding, and a pedestal for a statue. The window arch was four-centred. East of this is the priest's door, the arch also four-centred. The chancel arch is acutely pointed; otherwise the moulding would appear to be Decorated, the jambs being semi-cylindrical, with capitals and bases of same. The upper part of the rood-screen, extending across the passage, has some elegant open tracery in the head. The entrance to the rood stairs is in the south-east angle of the nave, and the archway from the stairs on to the place of the loft is the south jamb of the chancel arch, but both blocked up. The north aisle is divided from the nave by four arches supported by three cylindrical pillars with Decorated plain capitals and corresponding responds. The windows in the north wall of the aisle are four in number, of three lights, square headed, within four-centred arches. At the east end in the south corner projection is a square altar-like pedestal, with a piscina in the top. To the west is a narrower two-lighted window, with elegant Decorated tracery in the head. At this end stands the font, octagonal, quite plain, but the pedestal and base gracefully shaped. The wall plates of the roof rest on corbels exquisitely sculptured in flowers, foliage, &c. Over the nave arches runs a slight circular head moulding with small sculptured corbels at the junctions and ends: the mouldings of the arches in the soffits are hollow chamfers. In the south aisle are three Perpendicular three-lighted windows. The south door arch opposite the porch door is bricked up. High up in the west wall near the tower is a small niche or window space with cusped head. The open timber roof is quite plain, the wall-pieces supported on horizontal angelic figures, like Necton, but larger. There is a cusped niche over the north door within the porch, another under the east window externally. The tower walls show constructional arches in brickwork; otherwise it, as well as the church, is built of flint rubble.

The interior of the church was restored in 1868, when it was re-seated with open benches. The bench ends, flat-topped, copied from some remaining ones, which are replaced, and show some curious and quaint carved elbows. The clerestory on each side is lighted with four square-headed windows.

The pulpit stands in the south-east corner of the nave, before the former entrance to the rood stairs, and it has Jacobean panels, as has the reading-desk on the opposite side.

In a communication to the *East Anglian* (vol. ii. p. 66) attention is drawn to an unusual feature in this church, the entrance to the tower from the churchyard being on the north side, communicating with the church by a simple doorway, and not by an arch.

## MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS IN THE CHURCH.

On four Slabs, side by side, on Floor within the Altar Rails.

1. *Arms*: Ermine, an eagle displayed, *Bedingfield*, impaling two swords in saltire points to base between four lis.

Here lieth y<sup>e</sup> Body of  
Margaret Bedingfield, Relict of  
Anthony Bedingfield late  
of Testerton Esq.  
who died December 19, 1722  
Aged 78 years.  
Requiescat in Pace.

2. Same arms and impalement.

Here lieth the Body of Anthony Bedingfield Gent.  
late of Testerton son of Thomas Bedingfield Gent.  
who died Sept.  
9th 1707 Aged 60 years.

3. *Arms*: On a chevron three quatrefoils, impaling *Bedingfield*.

Here lieth the Body of Mary Eyre  
widow & Relict of Thomas Eyre  
of Buryshall Esq. Deceased one of the  
Daughters of Sir Henry Bedingfield late of Beckhall  
Kt. and Bart. she was very  
Exemplar & eminent for her Piety charity &  
other Virtues and exchanged this Life for a  
better the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 1710  
Ætatis sue 67.

4. *Arms*: On a chevron three quatrefoils.

Hic jacet  
Henricus Eyre Armiger  
clara stirpe in agro Derbiensi oriundus  
Juris olim peritissimus  
ex Insigne virtutis Exemplar  
Sola manet Virtus Homini post Funera Solam  
dum vivis  
hanc ama. Vale  
obiit Die Octavo Octobris Anno Domini MDCCXIX  
Ætatis sue LII.

Between two old Purbeck Slabs, the right of which contains the matrix of a female brass figure, and the left the matrix of a small brass of a priest, is a Slab of black Marble inscribed—

Hic jacet  
Johannes Eyre armiger  
Heri omnium Deliciæ hodie Luctus et  
Desiderum Juris Asylum et priscae Fidei vivum  
Exemplar ad cujus privatum  
Tribunal dissidentes procul dissiti  
ipsique sape incogniti certatim provocarunt  
Cujus Fores Viduis  
Orphanis Egenis calamitosis omnibus  
patuere semper qui non sibi sed aliis  
omnibus natus videbatur Qui pacem  
cum omnibus semper habuit Pacem inter  
omnes conciliavit: super defuncti Tumulum  
dicant nunc omnes  
Requiescat in pace.

Over the arched niche on the South Wall of the Chancel is a white Marble Mural Monument surmounted by a sculptured shield of arms, bearing impaled—

A caduceus, on a chief three crosses fleury impaling three mullets in a double trefoil.

*Crest*: A wheatsheaf, with a pheasant at foot.

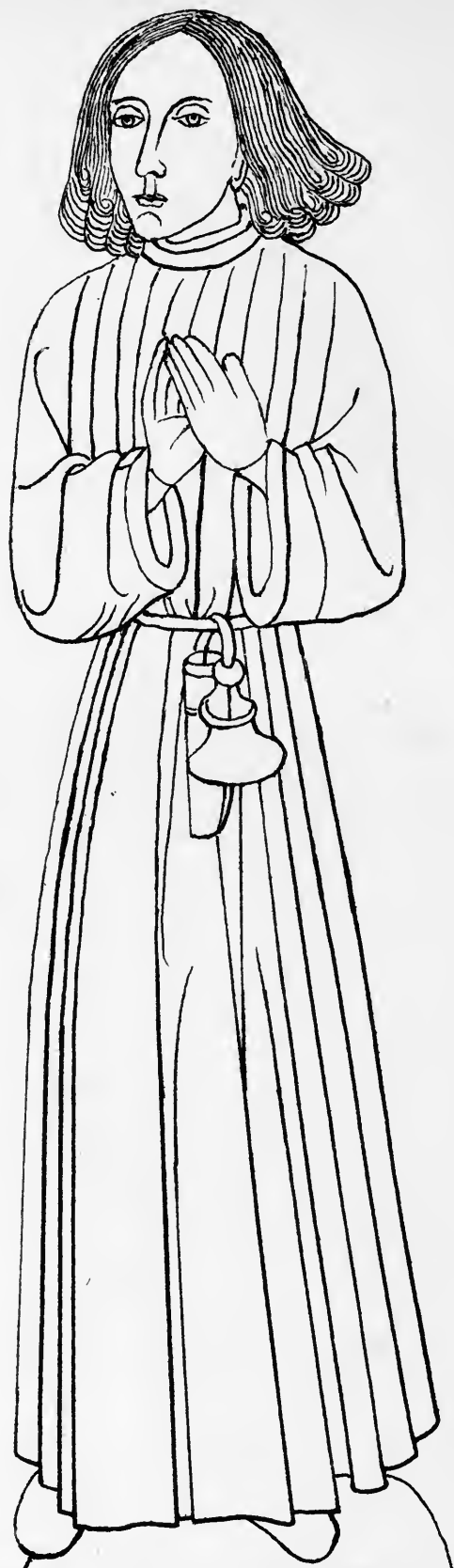
*Motto*: Nullâ Pallescere culpa.

In memory of  
Robert Farrand esqr.  
of Holme Hale Hall  
born March 14<sup>th</sup> 1792  
died at Brixton February 12, 1855  
and of

Elizabeth his widow  
born December 29<sup>th</sup> 1805  
died at St. Leonards at Sea March 29<sup>th</sup> 1858  
God so loved the world, &c.—St. John iii. ch., 16 v.







Date p̄ eābz Wllm Turteys notari Alie v̄is & q̄ obierūt  
 o' kalēdas Marcii. & Jm̄ m̄ ccc̄xxx quor eābz p̄riet de' anre

In Floor at West End of Nave two Slabs.

In memory of Robert Brown  
who departed this life the 5<sup>th</sup> of  
November 1751 aged 12 years.

In memory of Edward Browne who died  
October 16, 1770 aged 75 years.

Against the Font.

Here lyeth the Body of Robert Hammond  
Gentleman who left this life April 16, 1682.

In the Floor at the East End of the Aisle,  
on a Slab.

In Memory of  
Robt. Beckington Gent.  
who Departed this Life  
Oct<sup>r</sup>. 4, 1775  
aged 82 years.  
Also Jane his wife  
who died July 20<sup>th</sup> 1766  
aged 76 years.

To the extreme end of the aisle, near the above, has been relegated the stone with brass plate, on which is an inscription in French to Edmond Illeye, Chevalier, and Alice his wife, mentioned in Blomefield.

There was also a brass here which was etched by Cotman in his *Norfolk Brasses*, published in 1815; but has since been robbed. It was also noticed by Boutell (see p. 173). The legend at the foot of the figure bears the date M.CCCC.LXXXX. This brass is also mentioned as existing by Mr. Chambers in the *Norfolk Tour*, 1829, while that of the lady had disappeared. He was the founder of the Chantry, which has been before mentioned. The inscription was:—

Grate ꝑ aiahs Willi Curteys notarii et Alicie br̄is eiꝰ q obierũt h̄o  
kalendas Martii A<sup>o</sup> Dñi m<sup>o</sup>ccclxxx quor aiahs ꝑꝑiciet deꝰ amē.

Extracts from “The Register booke containinge the names of all suche as have bene Baptised, Married, and Buried there [Holme Hale] since the yeare of our lord God 1538.”

First Alice Inglishe, the daughter of Henrye Inglishe and Katerine his weif, was christened the fyft daye of November.

[Also the names of Twight, Candeler, White.]

1539. Jone, the daughter of Xpine Mason, was cristenen xvij<sup>th</sup> daye of August.

Jone, daughter of Edmund Mason & Kateryne . . . xvij<sup>th</sup> October.

[Also the names of Jakes, Atkyn, Payne, Burlye, Rawlyn, Bateman, Vincent.]

1545. Memorandum, that from the xv<sup>th</sup> daye of March, 1541, unto the xx<sup>th</sup> daye of June, 1545, the records are not to be founde. Vicesimo die Augusti, baptisat<sup>r</sup> filia Edi Mason et Katerine uxoris eius et nōiat<sup>r</sup> Barbare.

1546, Octauo deciō die Julij. Baptisat<sup>r</sup> filius Aliciæ Collett quæ habuit ꝑ gratiam<sup>1</sup> et nōiat<sup>r</sup> Thomam.

1546-7, Tertio die octobris, viz., in dedicacione Ecclesiæ, &c.

1547, Septiō deciō Decembris. Baptisat<sup>r</sup> filia Edmūdi Mason & Katerine consort<sup>s</sup> sue et nōiat<sup>r</sup> Agnes.

1550, Vicesiō sexto die Maij, viz., feria secunda Ebdomade Pentecost. Baptizat<sup>r</sup> filius Edi Mason et Katerine consort<sup>s</sup> sue et nōiat<sup>r</sup> Christopherus.

1551, 10 Junii. . . . filius Margaretæ Conyes quam habuit ꝑ gratiam . . . .

Nota quod hoc anno in die Sci Hillarij fuit maxim<sup>s</sup> ventus.

<sup>1</sup> I have seen a great many parish registers, but I never met elsewhere with the term “per gratiam” applied to a base-born child.

1551, Vicesi<sup>o</sup> die Januarij, 1551, decollat<sup>r</sup> Edwardus Seamar, Dux de Soñset, avunculus Regis Edwardi sexti, viz., in feria sexta.

[Names of Browne, Candeler, Whryght, Fydeman, Pettit, Bucher, Phillipson, Burlye, Osborne.]

1552, Primo die Junij. Baptizat<sup>r</sup> filia Agnete White extranee et noiat<sup>r</sup> Dionisia.

[Names of Hays, Wendelocke, Rawlyns, Howye, Sotterly, Pettit, Studye, Candeler.]

1553, 26 April. Filius Edi Mason & Katerine . . . nom. Robtus.

1554, Deci<sup>o</sup> nono die Novembris. Baptizat<sup>r</sup> filius Richi Lorington et Cecilie cōsor<sup>a</sup> sue et nōiat<sup>r</sup> Samuel et mutat<sup>r</sup> nomen eius ad confirmacōem et noiat<sup>r</sup> Willms.

1556-7, vndeci<sup>o</sup> die Aprilis. Baptizat<sup>r</sup> filia Anthonij Bedingfeild gent et Elizabethhe cōsort<sup>i</sup> sue et nōiat<sup>r</sup> Maria.

1557-8, Secundo die Augusti. Baptizat<sup>r</sup> filia ditto, et noiat<sup>r</sup> Frācisca.

1561-2, Deci<sup>o</sup> sexto die Aprilis. Baptizat<sup>r</sup> filius ditto, et noiat<sup>r</sup> Willms.

20 Sept. Filia Richi Leverington et Cecilie, nom. Katerina.

9 Nov. Filius Johis Clarington & Margaretæ, nom. Willms.

1564-5, 10 Dec. Filius Agnete Lucas quam habuit per gratiam.

1565-6, 20 Aug. . . . filius Thomæ Tuddenham et Katerine, &c., noiat<sup>r</sup> Thomas.

Vltimo die Novēbris . . . filius Arthuri Jenney ar. et Eele cōsort<sup>a</sup> sue et noiat<sup>r</sup> Osbertus.

1567-8, sexto die Julij . . . filius Arthuri Jenney, ar. et Eele cōsors sue et noiat<sup>r</sup> Georgius.

10 Nov. Filia Thōe Tuddenham & Katerine . . . nom. Agneta.

1568-9, 25 April. . . . filius Henrici Hasell et Sithei . . . Robertus.

1569, 3 May. . . . filius Arthuri Jennye ar. et Ele . . . nominatur Edmundus.

1570, 30 Nov. Filia Arthuri Downinge gen. et noiat<sup>r</sup> Dorothea.

[Names occurring between 1550 and 1570. Awsten, Heygrene, Butcher, Snowe, Akerlye, Brewster, Osborne, Candeler, Pettit, Phillipson, Fydeman, Reignalds, Smithe, Aldred, Burlye, Wright, Davye, Eaton, Arton, Pingle, Gamblyn, Rowse, Dunck, Moniment, Whight, Twyght, Stardye, Walton, Jak, Hawle, Grubline, Andrews, &c.]

1572-3, 9 Nov. Filia Roberti Nelson et Margareta, &c., nom. Marian.

1575-6, 3 July. Filius Thōe Tuddenham et Katerine, nom. Johannes.

1582-3. Eodem die (24 March) ego Robertus Bonyng, Rector de Hale, Inductus fui in realem possessionem Ecclesiæ ibm.

1583-4, 22 Dec. Filia Robti Rowse et Anne . . . nom. Katharina.

1584-5. Filius illegitimus Marie Scoope et nom. Jacobus.

Eodem die (1 June) filia Robti Boning, Rector, et Helene cōsort<sup>i</sup> sue et noiat Anna—litera dominical<sup>i</sup> D.

10 Oct. Filius Thōe Tuddenham et Katerine . . . Gerardus.

1586-7, 15 Nov. Filia Robti Rust et Emma, &c., . . . Margareta.

1592-3, 24 Sept. Filius Thōe Tuddenham et Margareta, nom. Willms.

7 May. Filius Willi Boninge et Annæ . . . nom. Robtus.

3 Dec. Filius Robti Boninge cleri et Helena, &c., noiat Robtus.

1595-6, 9 May. Filia Th. Tuddenham et Margareta . . . Katherina.

1596-7, 17 May. Filius Katerine Laban, filius putatir<sup>r</sup> Robti Heihoo et nōitur Henricus.

Filia Johis Jaclyn et Millesandæ cōsort<sup>a</sup> . . . noiat Millesanda.

[Between 1570 and 1600 occur names of Inglishe, Woodward, Burlye, Andrews, Twight, Arton, Harrod, Harrison, Clavington, Whight, Dunck, Taylor, Standen, Canham, Awsten, Munche, Mace, Hattersleye, Jakes, Benyngton, Candeler, Barkar, Wendlocke, Farrowe, Marten, Newlyn, Laton, Canne, Cristede, Walsham, Nobys, Busgate, Crane, Strowde, Carman, Garrarde, Jak, Slappe, Woodward, Laban, Forde, Goodson, Walker.]

[Up to and inclusive of the baptism of Nich<sup>s</sup> Candeler, 8 June, 1600, the entries, evidently copied from older books, are neatly and legibly written in the same hand temp. Eliz., and signed at foot, as examined by Robt. Boninge, whose signature is almost faded out. The subsequent entries for twenty years are in a sprawling hand.]

1601. Edmund, the sonne of Richard Hoyell and Elizabeth his wife (wch were married the sixt day of July, 1601) was baptized Aug. 9.
1604. James, ye fourth or fyfte bastard of Mary Austen, bapt. Apr<sup>l</sup> 9, 1604.  
Dorothee, ye dowghter of Cordwell Bradbury, Aug. 26.
1605. Thomas, ye sonne of Cordwell Bradbury } baptized July 28<sup>th</sup>, 1605.  
Hughe, ye sonne of Hughe Wentlond }  
Richard, ye sonne of Richard Hovell, Sept. 22, 1605.
1606. Thomas, ye bastard of one Besse or Elizabeth, late servant to Tho. Tuddenham, bapt. 30 April, 1606; she sayd y<sup>t</sup> one Tho. Seaman was father vnto y<sup>t</sup>, and she left y<sup>t</sup> to ye townne and got her away unto another place. Peter Newnham and Edm. Robinson were godfathers; . . . Haley, a servant of Tho. Tuddenham, godmother.
1607. James, ye bastard of one Maria, who sayeth she hath or had a husband called Cockson; was bapt. 6 April. She sayeth y<sup>t</sup> James Barlye was ye father of y<sup>t</sup>; one Peter Whytyng of Walpole was godfather, Ann Cooke and Ann Bateman were godmothers.  
Elizabeth, dr. of Andrewe Heyhow, bapt. 3 May, 1607.  
Margaret, da. of Richard Hovell, March 27, 1608.  
Thomas, ye sonne of Anthony Bedingfield, Dec. 21, 1609.  
Eustace, ye sonne of Anthony Bedingfield, June 11, 1612.
1614. Margaret, dr. to Andrew Heyhoo, 25 April.  
John, sonne to Hugh Wentlond, 26 March, 1615.
1615. Elizabeth, daughter to Anthonie Bedingfield, Esq. xxxj<sup>st</sup> of August.  
Mary, dr. to Hillary Youngs, 7 April, 1616. Exiat p me William Delph Curat.  
Thomas Wright and Heugh Wentlond.
- Ann, dr. to Edmond Cooke, gent., 9 Dec., 1616.  
Anthony, sonne to Simond Cannon, gent., 4 Nov., 1617.  
Elinir, daughter to Anthonie Bedingfield, esqr., 3 Feb., 1617.  
Roger, sonne to Thomas Nonne, 3 March, 1617.  
Ambros, sonne to Hughe Wentland, 17 May, 1618.  
William, sonne to Richard Hovell, 21 June, 1618.  
John, son to John Ford, Minister, 24 Nov., 1618.  
Robert, son of Hugh Wentland, 21 Nov., 1619.  
Mary, dr. of Anthony Bedingfield, 23 Dec., 1619.  
Alice, dr. of Roger Nelson, 17 Dec., 1619.  
Eliz., dr. of Ralphe Holland, 4 Feb., 1620.  
Dorithe, dr. of William Delphe, clarke, 10 April, 1621.
1624. Edward, son of Edw. Case and Mary, bapt. Jan. 4.  
[Other names since 1600: Eaton, Medytye, Jecklyn, Clerke, Barker, Pallye, Rainolds, Davie, Stark, Woolpherton, Beckerton, Osborne. No other entries until 1631, when names of Brook, Tuck, Candeler, Beckerton, Jacques, Large.]
1633. Paul, son of Edward Case and Mary, bapt. Nov. 3; also Ringwood Erwin Lyster.
- 1634-5 [no entries; 1636, one only.]
1638. Jane, daughter of Ralph Constable and Marye, Apr. 16.
1647. Underhill, da. of Luke Sheen and Eleanor, Sept. 19.

[Names during ten years: Benson, Colman, Landye, Trendle, Justine, Tenant, Wentland, Adkins, Vincent, Ashell, Naylor, Twite, Hart, Jaques, Jecklyn, Norrice, Orton, Heyhoo, Witeman, Briant, Ringwood, Everden or Everton, Austen, Ashly, Clark, Willson, Hayter, Head, Barker, Hugon, Michell, Gerard, Hains, Andrews, Kiddall, very often repeated.]

[For several years, however, the entries of baptisms are very irregular and often illegible, and it is difficult to say when and where they are discontinued. Amongst them some entries of burials.]

1675. Mr. Thomas Benefield [Bedingfield] Decemb<sup>r</sup> the 20th.

Elizabeth, dr. of Mr. Henery Tinckler . . . his wife, Dec. 28.

Ould Mrs. Hament buried Jan. 30th.

[Some entries it is impossible to distinguish. From 1689 the baptisms are somewhat irregularly entered.]

1692. Tho. son of John Case and Mary, Sep. 6, 1692.

1696. Eliz. the daughter of Tho. Lynes, June 1.

[Names of Orton, Goole, Heath, Reader, Barker, King, Oakly, Youngs, Cole, Burrows, Eastgate, Vincent.]

1697. Benjamin, son of Edmond Bird, cler., and Sarah, bapt. Jan. 28.

William, the son of William and Anne Rust, bapt. Aprill 4th.

Paul, the son of John Case and Mary, bapt. June 24, 1698.

Robert, son of William Rust and Ann, Dec. 10.

Peter Tinklar, son of Henery Tinkler and Dorothy his wief, baptised Nov. 5, 1616.

[Names: 1698, Orton, King, Oakes, Claxton, Vince, Burrows, Eastgate, Reeder, Barker, Cole, Watson, Bickerton. 1701, Bowman, Okes, Ripps. 1702, Frost, Reeder, Buncall. 1703, Eberson, Robinson, Bowman. 1705, Bell, Repps, Cole, Obbersson, Bennett, Peele, Kiddell, Oakes, Capps, Gold, Marcum, Redfield.]

1705. Henery, son of John Case, April 22.

Edward, son of William and Anne Rust, May 21.

Ann, dr. of John and Mary Case, Sept. 16, 1706.

Thomas, son of Willm. and Ann Rust, bapt. Sept. 17, 1706.

Edward, son of John and Eliz. Repps, Oct. 15.

1707. Eliz. dr. of Willm. Rust and Ann, March 27.

1713. Henry, son of John Case, May 5.

Benj., son of John Repps, Nov. 9.

[Baptisms, 1704 to 1711 inclusive, on a sheet of paper fastened in before the burials. Names of King, Bush, Bell, Twite, Capps, Kiddell, Orton, Alders. Buried, Capps, Fuller, Margrats.]

#### Sepulchrorum nomina A°. 1538.

[In the same clear hand as the first entries of baptisms.]

Quarto die Novembris obiit Anna Store puerula.

1540. Decimo tertio die Novembris obiit Robtus. Wright senectus [sic.]

1541-2, 24 May. Obiit Georgius Mason.

1542-3. Ob. 19 Feb., Brianus Lucas Rector istius Ecclesie.

1543-4. Ob. 28 Junij, Jacobus Bateman, viz., in vigilia apostolor<sup>um</sup> Petri et Pauli, et eodem die Inductus est Johes Clenchwardton als. Watson in Rector istius Eccleie.

[1538—1544. Names of Awsten, Whight, Gamblyn, Jak, Vincent, Atkyns, Store, Roffe, Swan, Rowlesbye, Monyment, Narham, &c.]

M<sup>d</sup>. Quod vicesimo die Februarij coronat<sup>r</sup> Rex Edwardus sextus puer anno<sup>rum</sup> novem et amplius.

[1545—55. Names of Barlye, Heygrene, Hardye, Norton, Twesdall, Akerlye, Candeler, Warde, Howys, Fydyman, Tulbye, Osborne, Woodstock, English, Robinson.]

- 1555-6. Ob. 9 Nov., Issabella Mason, vidua, nup̃ vxor Richi Mason.  
 15 Mar., dñs Johes Clenchwarton, Rector istius Eccle.  
 1557-8, 4 Jan. Ob. Gervisius Le Tynckar.  
 1558-9, 15 Feb. Ob. Fides Bore famula Johis Ploñ.  
 25 Nov. Johannes Benck famulus Anthonie Bedingfeild, Ar.  
 23 Mar. Ob. Thomas Ryngres famulus Anthonij Bedingfeld, Ar.

[Fifteen deaths this year.]

- 1563-4, 13 June. Obijt Edmundus Mason.  
 13 Jan. Ob. Georgius Mason filius Edmñdi Mason.  
 1564-5, 24 Oct. Ob. Cecilia Leverington vidua.  
 17 Dec. Ob. Willms. Lucas filius Agnete Lucas.  
 1565-6, 1 May. Ob. Elizabeth Lucas vidua.  
 1566-7, 7 July. Ob. Johes Parkinson Rector istius Eccle.  
 1571-2, 5 Jan. Ob. Alicia Heydon.  
 29 Jan. Ob. Johes Dalton fil. Robti Dalton.  
 16 June. Ob. Johannes Bonynge.

[1561—71. Names: Wright, Vincent, Awsten, Pettit, Twight, Walsham, Monymment, Burgys, Pryngle, Candeler, Harrod, Hall, Warde, Dixson, Englishe, Burlye, Whight, Halman, Tynckar, Bassington, Newham, Cocke, Clarington, Farrod, Benington.]

- 1573-4, 18 Oct. Ob. Margareta Woodward filia Thome W.  
 11 Nov. Ob. Katerina uxor. Thõe Tuddenham.  
 1575-6, 13 May. Ob. Elizabetha filia Roberti Lovell armigeri.  
 1576-7, 16 May. Ob. Albinus filius Robti. Lovell armigeri.  
 1580-1, 5 Feb. Ob. Robtus Eaton Faber.  
 1581-2, 25 July. Ob. Katerina uxor Willmi. Tuddenham.  
 1582-3, 26 April. Ob. Willms. Tuddenham.  
 1584-5, 10 Oct. Ob. Gerardus filius Thome Tuddenham.  
 11 Oct. Ob. filia Robti. Rust.  
 24 Oct. Ob. Katerina uxor Thome Tuddenham.  
 Decimo septimo die Januarij obiit Francisca Bedingfeild filia Anthonij Bedingfeld, Ar.  
 1585-6, 12 Dec. Ob. Margareta filia Willmi. Farrowe.

[1573—84. Names of Walter, Butcher, Woodward, Pettit, Twight, Candeler, Wenddocke, Awsten, Pringle, Payne, Osborne, Smythe, Robinson, Jak, Dunck, Munke, Rowlonde, Garrod, Chapman, Francke, Howye, Munson, Dunne, Bateman, Burlye, Twyte, Clarke, Parson, Canne, Arton, Furrowe.]

- 1587-8, 29 Aug. Ob. Brianus Lucas.  
 1589-90, 30 May. Simon Slappe et Thomas Slappe sepulti fuerunt.  
 5 Dec. Henricus Pettit maritus Aliciæ Pettit sepultus fuit.  
 1591-2, 13 Nov. Ob. Elizabetha uxor Richi Dunham.  
 15 Dec. Ob. Willms. Thornton pauper peregrinus.  
 9 Jan. Ob. Richus Dunham.  
 1592-3, 15 April. Ob. Isabella uxor Nichi Davye.  
 21 May. Ob. Nichus. Davye.  
 1594-5, 7 July. Obijt Thomæ Candeler subito moriens intestatus.  
 1595-6, 13 May. Ob. Grigorius Eaton.  
 20 Feb. Katerina filia Thome Tuddenham.

1596-7, 10 Aug. Ob. Robertus Rust.

24 Nov. Elizabeth Walker famula Thõe Tuddenham.

[1585—95. Names of Wendlocke, Sutton, Waxham, Garrard, Awsten, Marshe, Philipson, Burlye, Marten, Parson, Harrison, Woodward, Brown, Boote, Crane, Dunne, Dunck, Franklyn, Canham, Englishe, 'Francis, Bekerton, Arton, Jack, Osborne, Bateman, Cristed, Walton als. Walsham.]

1597-8, Primo die Octobris. Elizabeth Bedingfeild vidua (nup uxor Anthonij Bedingfeild armigeri) ætatis suæ 77 annoꝝ, sepulta fuit.

17 March. Obiit. Milo Dunck etatis 92 annoꝝ.

[To the end of 1599 all entries are in the same neat hand as the baptisms; afterwards in a sprawling hand, containing names of Twight, Jak, Skipper, Halman, Robinson, Clarke, Lynge, Paul, Beckerton, Grenleafe, Browne, Cooke, Seaman, Woodward, Rose, Machen, Parson, Jacques.]

[In margin.] Lawrence Bedingfield, Aug. 3, 1602.

Marian, the wydowe of Gregory Eton, buried March 4, 1601.

Dorothy Austen, wydowe, excommunicate, layed in ye ground Jan. 29, 1604.

1607. James, ye bastard of one Marian Cuckson as she entreth her selfe, & of one James Burly as she sayth, was buried Decemb. 8, 1607.

1608. Ales Woodward, an owld mayde, Feb. 7.

1609. Thomas Runnow, butler at Mr. Bedingfield's, buried Decemb. 11, 1609.

1611. John Myller, borne in Scotland, & lately dwellyng at Bolton Percy neare to Yorke, as a womā y<sup>t</sup> said she was wyf reporteth, was buried the eleventh day of January, 1611.

Williā Austen, a good weav<sup>r</sup>, growing to poverty through idleness & wastfull expences, after many pylfryes & imprisonments was brought to Hale and dyed in ye church porch ye fourteenth day of March, 1611, & was buried the same daye.

[The names of those buried, 1606 to 1614, include Estrowe, Woodward, Orton, Blosse, Bennington, Burly, Story, Crane, Greenleafe, Benet, Jordan, Wendlocke, Twyte, Skiper, Wentland, Rosse, Parkins, Bateman, Jeckling, Barington, Walsham, Ward, Wylson, Jakes, Crowdson, Ford, Austin, Parker, Newham, Paxen, Cory of Ashle, Pierse, Birleye, Mason, Jaques, Canne, Garrod, Osborne, Charleton, Cursted, Wenne, Pettite, Browne, Labane.]

Alice, wife to Richard Darbe, gent., was burred xv October, 1617.

Francis, dr. to Henrie Case, 8 May, 1618.

Elizabeth, wife to Richard Hovell, 4 July, 1618.

William, son to Richard Hovell, 4 Nov., 1618.

1621. Thomas Heyhow [no date.]

[The entries from 1619 to 1688 are very few and imperfect; many years without a single entry, and occasionally a baptism introduced.]

1639. Mr. Edward Barker, Rector Ecclie, buried Novemb. 4.

1640, Apr. 7. Mr. Robert Jaquez was buried.

1651. Mr. Anthony Bedingfield was buried October 27.

1652. Mrs. Elizabeth Bateman was buried July 1.

[Burials from 1637 to 1653 on two pages, one signed in margin "Dudly Hoper Rector," regularly and consecutively entered.]

1682. Easter Tinckler, Henrici Tinckler, Clerici, et Dorothee uxoris ejus, filie, baptisata fuit Die paschalis, viz., 6 April, 1682.

1688. Mary, the Daughter of Mr. Ant. Bedingfield, was buried Jan. 1st, 1688.



1692. James Covell, the son of John Covell and Mary his wife, Aug. 28.  
 1695. Mary . . . the dr. of John Case and Mary, buried July 9th.

[Again the entries for some years are very irregular. The name without date of John Esquire occurs in 1703, and in 1705-6 Edward, son of Willm. Rust, bur. Mar. 6.]

1706. Ann, wife of Willm. Norrice, May 2.  
 Hen., son of John Case, June 19.  
 1707. Susan Neave, widow, buried April 15.  
 Mrs. Ant. Bedingfield buried Sep. 18, 1707.

### Sponsalia Ao. 1539.

- Thomas Lyster duxit in uxorem Katerinam Wace xxij die Februarij.  
 1540. Johes Bodye duxit in uxore Johannā Mason, 2 Dec.  
 1543. In tempore Johis Clenchwarton Rector ibm.  
 Willms. Tuddenham duxit, &c., Katerina relictā Willi Rolsbye, 30 Aug.  
 1544. Richus Leverington duxit, &c., Ceciliā Bodye filiā Johis Bodye, 10 Nov.  
 1548. Johes Bonyng, &c., Margeriam relictā Willi Hardye, 3 June.  
 1550. Willms. Heygrene = Margeriā Cooper, 27 Aug.  
 1551. Robertus Starlinge = Annā Waite, 27 July.  
 Ao. 1553, primo die Octobris, coronat' Maria, Henrici Octavi filia, in Reginā Anglie, et quarto die postea Incipiabat pliamētū.  
 1554. Johes Tuddenham & Issabellā Warde viduā, 27 Jan.  
 1555. Johes Clerington = Margaretā Heygrene, 21 Nov.  
 1559, vicesimo quarto die Januarij, coronat' Elizabeth, Henrici Octavi filia, in reginā Anglie, et vicesimo octavo die postea Incipiabat pliamētū.  
 1562. Thomas Tuddenham = Katerinā Whight, 28 June.

### Conjugatorum nomina 1570.

1571. Willmus Newham = Barbara Mason, 7 Oct.  
 1585. Thomas Tuddenham, senior = Agnetum More vidua, 4 Oct.  
 Willus. Roofe = Agneta Tuddenham.  
 1591. Hugo Burtricke = Agnetē Callibut, 6 April.  
 1598. Petrus Woodward = Maria Girlinge, 20 Aug.  
 1599. Nicholaus Davie = Anna Cooke, 22 Oct.  
 1601. Richard Howell = Elizabeth Makens, July 6.  
 1609. John Rud of East Braddenhā & Mary [N . . .] of Hale, June 1.  
 Henry Benet & Agnes Rust, both of Hale, m<sup>d</sup> Sept. 3, 1609.  
 1612. Michael Sharpin of West Braddenham & Mary Slapp, Sept. 6.  
 1628. Stephen Shorting of Denver, sing., & Honour Case, sing., 25 June.  
 Roger Nelsone, sing., and Margaret Walton, sing<sup>a</sup>, 16 July, 1620.

[After a few scattered entries of marriages in 1621—1633, the following burials]—

1674. Jacobus Colvey sepultus fuit die 7bris undecimo.  
 1678. Henricus Bedingfield (Gent.) sepultus fuit vijbris die undecimo.

[Then five burials in 1713, and after a blank page, 1695]—

1697. Willm. Norrice & Ann Frost were maryed Dec. ye 3<sup>d</sup>.  
 1705. Hugh Macum & Ann Barker, Oct. 29.

1710. Robt. Tuddenham of North Pickenham, widdower, & Mary Codlin of Holm Hale, singlewoman, July 18.  
 1713. John Brown of Isleham, singleman, & Mary Buckenham of Holm Hale, Apr<sup>t</sup> 5<sup>th</sup>.  
 [The last entry dated Oct. 4.]

The Register Book containing y<sup>e</sup> names of all those y<sup>t</sup> have been Baptized, Married, & Buried there [Holme Hale] since the year of our Lord 1708.

[On the inside of the cover is written]—

“ Here to be born to die  
 Of Rich and Poor makes all the History  
 Enough that Virtue filled the Grave between  
 Provd by the ends of being to have been.”

1709. First Elizabeth, ye Daughter of Will Rust & Anna his wife, bapt. Mar. 27.  
 [Also names of Twile, Alders, Burnett.]  
 1710. Henry, ye son of John Case, was bapt. May 5.  
 1713. Benjamin, ye base child of Eliz. Rust, April 1st.  
 Richd., ye base child of Mary Frost, Aug. 23d.  
 1714. Robt., son of Robt. & Mary Tuddenham, Nov. 26.  
 1718. Thomas, son of Henry Myndham & Ann his wife, Jan. 4th.  
 1719. Jane, ye daughter of William & Ann Bullock, June 21.  
 1720. Elizabeth, the daughter of Robt. & Mary Tuddenham, Apr. 3.  
 Thomas, son of Thomas Case & Sarah his wife, Sept. 18.  
 1721. Anne, the Daughter of Willm. Bullock & Anne his wife, Nov. 12.  
 1722. Henry, son of Thomas Case and Sarah his w., Sept. 30.  
 1723. William, son of William Bullock & Anne his wife, May 19th.  
 Robert, son of Robert and Mary Tuddenham, Oct. 3d.  
 1725. Sarah, ye dr. of Thomas Case & Sarah his w., Aprl. 1.  
 Mary, ye dr. of William & Anne Bullock, 1st June.  
 1726. Thomas, son of Robt. Tuddenham and Mary, June 5.  
 1727. Elizabeth, dr. of William Bullock & Anne, . . . April 23.  
 1728. Mary, d. of Thomas Eaton & Sarah his wife, Dec. 15.  
 1730. Hannah, ye base child of Mary Tincler, July 10.  
 Esther, ye daughter of John & Priscilla Denny, Dec. 28.  
 1733. Jane, d. of John & Mary Sanctuary, Oct. 14.  
 Susan, dr. of Richard & Susan Boning, Dec. 30.  
 1737. Ann and Ellen, Daughters of Collison Outlaw & Susanna his wife, Sept. 25.  
 1740. Collinson, son of Collinson & Susanna Outlaw, 29 June.  
 1742. Anne, dr. of Edmd. and Sarah Hastings, 3 March.  
 1744. Mary, dr. of           ,,           ,,           June 18.  
 1745. William, son of       ,,       ,,       Jan. 6.  
 1746. Anne, d. of Bartholomew & Elizabeth Barrett, July 25.  
 John, son of Edmd. Hastings & Sarah his wife, Jan. 11.  
 [Each page, to 1748 inclusive, entered and signed by John Rolfe, Rector.]  
 1748. Elizabeth, d. of Edw. Winter & Alice his wife, July 3d.  
 1749. Sarah, d. of Edmund and Sarah Hastings, Sept. 8.  
 [To end of 1751 signed by Thomas Patrick Young, Rector.]

1752. Margaret, d. of Edw. & Alice Winter, June 7.  
 1753. Susanna, d. of Edmund & Sarah Hastings, Sept. 14.  
 1755. Jane, d. of Simon & Frances Fuller, Jan. 19.  
     Elizabeth, d. of Edmund & Sarah Hastings, Jan. 2d.  
 1756. Ann, d. of Simon & Frances Fuller, Dec. 12.  
 1757. Thomas, son of Edmund and Sarah Hastings, Febr. 10.  
 1759. Matthew, son of     ,,     ,,     ,,     May 6.  
 1764. Mary, d. of William & Mary Ann Norman, Aug. 26.  
 1767. Charlotte, d. of same, May 24.  
 1768. Thomas, son of Thomas & Eona Smith, March 6.  
     John, son. of Willm. & Alice Hastings, Nov. 13.  
 1771. Hannah Williamson, an adult, aged [blank.]  
 1774. Mary Anne, d. of George & Mary Watts, Sept. 18.  
 1778. Mary, dr. of George & Mary Watts, Sept. 20.  
 1779. Meadows, son of George & Mary Watts, Oct. 24.  
 1781. Robert, son of     ,,     ,,     Sept. 19.  
 1783. Elizabeth, dr. of Thomas & Mary Winter, June 22.  
 1784. Lois, d. of John & Elizabeth Thorold, Feb. 29.  
 1786. Mary, d. of Thomas & Mary Winter, Feb. 19.  
     Frances, d. of John & Elizabeth Thorold, Sept. 13.  
 1787. William, son of John & Mary Farrar, June 3.  
     Elizabeth & Sarah, twin daurs. of Robert & Susanna Watts, Oct. 23.  
 1788. John, son of John & Elizabeth Thorold, Nov. 2d.  
 1790. Robert, son of     ,,     ,,     Aug. 8.

[Signed to end of 1790 by William Young, Rector.]

1791. Jane, d. of John and Pleasance Reeve, Aug. 3.  
     Ann Gurdon, dr. of Elizabeth Gurdon, May 8.  
 1792. James, son of John & Pleasance Reeve, Aug. 26.  
     James, son of John & Elizabeth Thorold, Dec. 30.

[Entries to April, 1793, inclusive, in same hand as signature of William Young.]

[Baptisms of one, sometimes two, base-born children every year.]

1793. Simon, son of Robert & Anne Barrett, Feb. 21.  
 1798. Samuel, son of John & Pleasance Reeve, May 6.  
     Robert Blythe, son of John & Lucy Watts, Nov. 29.  
 1799. Mary, d. of John & Mary Heyhoe, March 15.  
 1805. George Meadows, son of George & Lucy Watts, Aug. 25.

[To 1812, each page signed by Thomas Young, Rector.]

#### *Marriages.*

1710. Robert Tuddenham of N. Pickenham, widower, and Mary Cullin of Holm Hale, singlewoman, were married July ye 18th.  
 1722. John Judd and Ann Scarlet of Necton, single persons, Nov. ye 13th.  
 1725. Thomas Smith of Thornham, singleman, and Ann Bunting of Holme Hale, widow, April 20.  
     Daniel Lockwood of Swaffham, single, & Elizabeth Bunting of Necton, singlewoman, May 4.  
 1726. John Neave of Carbrook, singleman, & Margaret Cole of Holme Hale, singlewoman, Oct. 13.  
 1729. Edmond Davy of Necton, widower, & Elizabeth Ward of Holm Hale widow, Jan. 26.  
 1732. Richard Boning & Susan Clarke, both single persons, May 19.

1736. Sharpin Scarlett & Ann Franklyn of Necton, single persons, 18 Feb.

1753. Robert Burkes of Great Ellingham & Elizabeth Beckinton of Holme Hale, single persons, were married by licence Nov. 18.

This was the last marriage that was solemnized in this Church before the Act of Parliament appointing a separate Register for marriage . . . . viz. March 25, 1754.

Wm. Young, Rector.

*Burials.*

- 1709. Eliz. Rust was buried May ye 15.
- 1710. Mary Eyre was buried Sept. ye 30.
- 1711. Elizabeth Batch was buried Aug. 9.
- 1712. Thomas Dugate (Gent.) Jan. 11.
- 1714. Thomas Tuddenham, March 7.
- 1715. Robert Tuddenham, May 5.  
Thomas Barker, Gent., Nov. 30.
- 1716. Mrs. Anne Covell, Dec. 5.
- 1718. Grace Dugate, Nov. 30.
- 1719. James Armingier, 28 May.  
Henry Eyre, Esq., Oct. 16.
- 1720. Frances Bradbury, April 7.
- 1722. John Case, April 29.  
John Covell, Gent., was buried Oct. 28.  
Mrs. Margaret Bedingfeld, widow & Relict of Anthony Bedingfeld, Gent., was buried Dec. ye 23.
- 1723. Mr. Peter Dunn, Jan. 6.  
Dorothy Scarlett, Jan. 16.
- 1728. Elizabeth Winter, Nov. 6.  
Mary Case, Dec. 29.
- 1729. Robert Tuddenham, May 12.  
Thomas Tuddenham ye 25.  
Miriam Winter, Jan. 13.
- 1732. Ann Futer, April 19.
- 1737. Ann Outlaw, Oct. 6. Ellen Outlaw, Oct. 7.  
Paul Robinson, Nov. 6.
- 1738. John Eyre, Esquire, was buried ye 21 [March.]
- 1739. Mrs. Elizabeth Covell, October ye 2.
- 1744. John Covell, gent., was buried the 26 day of May.
- 1748. Mary Isaac, 3 June.

[Up to this time entries in this book in writing of, and signed by, John Rolfe.]

1749. Sarah Hastings, an infant, Feb. 3.

1751. Mr. Robert Browne, killed by a tree falling on him, was buried in the Church of Hale November 7.

[One page was signed "Thomas Patrick Young, Rector."]

- 1753. Judith Hastings, an infant, Sept. 14.
- 1760. Thomas Hastings, an infant, April 20.
- 1761. Matthew Hastings, an infant, Aug. 22.
- 1763. Benjamin Norris, December 19.
- 1764. Ann Hastings, aged 21, March 15.
- 1766. Mary Hastings, April 3.
- 1769. William Hastings, aged 23, July 16.  
John Hastings, an infant, Nov. 19.

- 1771. John Hastings, aged 25, Jan. 27.
- 1777. W. Norris, (aged) Jan. 14.
- 1780. Meadows Watts, an infant, Feb. 19.  
Alice Winter, an aged woman, May 25.
- 1781. Edmund Hastings, aged 71, Aug. 2.
- 1782. A travelling fidler, Nov. 6.
- 1784. Edward Winter, an aged man, October 30th, a pauper.
- 1785. Robert Bligh, aged 18, March 5.
- 1787. William Farrer, an infant, June 12.
- 1789. Sarah Hastings, aged 73, Aug. 30.

[From 1751 to 1789, each page signed by William Young, Rector.]

- 1793. Amy Winter, aged 43, March 4.
- 1799. Edward Winter, aged 60, Sept. 15.
- 1800. Margaret Winter, aged 48, Jan. 22.  
John Spurgeon of the Parish of Docking in this County, aged 57, May 31.
- 1802. Philip [son of] of John & Pleasance Reeve, an infant, April 28, was buried.  
George Spurgeon of the Parish of Watton in this County, aged 61, Oct. 14.
- 1806. Pleasance Reeve, aged 32, Dec. 16.
- 1807. James Reeve, aged 16, March 17.
- 1810. John Thorold, aged 83, April 3.
- 1812. William Cage, aged 73, July 30.

[The last entry in the book, and the only one on the page; all previous entries from 1789 signed by Thomas Young, Rector.]

On the inside of the cover, at the end of the Register, is written :—

Presentations to the Rectory of Holme Hale, extracted from ye Registry books at Norwich.

- 1595, Oct. Marmaduke Cholmley [by] Eustace Bedingfield, esq.
- Nov. 19, 1612. Leonard Burton — James Jordan, gent.
- Sept. 14, 1621. Edw. Barber — James Jordan, gent., for Anne Bedingfield, widow, Anthony Bedingfield, Esq.
- Nov. 16, 1639. Dudley Hopper — University of Cambridge.
- Jan. 27, 1661. Robert Wright — Thomas Bedingfield, Esq.
- May 10, 1679. Timothy Caryan — Thomas Bedingfield.
- Jan. 10, 1711. John Rolfe — Jeremiah Benton.
- June 5, 1749. Tho. Patrick Young — Will. Young, Gent.

He resigned it in Nov. 1791, in order to qualify himself for his election into a Fellowship in Caius College, Camb., & was again instituted April 29, 1752.

The following added in another hand :—

- Oct. 7, 1752. Willm. Young — The Rev. Thos. Pat. Young.
- June 30, 1794. Thomas Young was instituted into the consolidated living of Neighton cum Hale on his own petition, vacant by the death of William Young.

“In 1838 an Act of Parliament was obtained severing the Livings of Holme Hale & Necton, & on the death of the Rev. William Yonge, Vicar of Swaffham, Rector of Necton & Hale, Chancellor of the Diocese, Dec. 3rd, 1844, at the advanced age of 91, the Rev. Henry Milne, M.A., of Brasenose Coll., Oxford, was instituted to the Rectory of Holme Hale on his own petition.”

## Certificate of Church Plate in Holme Hale, sold temp. Edward VI.

"In pmiss solde to M . . . Whyt, &c., on pax of silu gilt and oon chalec silu broken, weyng together xxxiiij unċ & di, viij<sup>li</sup>. viij<sup>s</sup>. iiij<sup>d</sup>., ꝑc of the unċ iiij<sup>s</sup>. vj<sup>d</sup>. solde for the rapacions of the churche & the churche walle wheroff v<sup>s</sup>. ij<sup>d</sup>. is bestowed and the resedew reñ. Hiis testib; Thoma Dennes, Thoma Ward, Thoma Snow, Jacobo Vyncent, Riċ Browne, Ws. Tuddenhñ et Rico Whyte.

"Thomas Deynes and Thomas Warde Churche Wardeyns certyfie the premysses to be true."—*Communicated to the Norfolk Archaeological Society by Walter Rye, Esq.*

The following is extracted from Chambers' *Norfolk Tour*.—"As the parish clerk of Holme Hale was lately making a grave he discovered six base groats of Henry VIII., enclosed in a woollen cloth which crumbled to pieces on being touched: two are of the Bristol mint, two of the London mint, one of which has 'CIVITAS LONDON' in Anglo-Saxon characters (which do not appear to have come under the notice of any writer on coins), one of the York mint, and one bearing on the reverse 'REDDE CVIQQVE QVOD SV'VM EST.' They appeared to be lying about two feet beneath the surface, and probably were lost from the pocket, or rather purse, of some person attending a funeral, at that time worn suspended from a girdle, from whence arose the familiar phrase on repeated applications for money, '*one had always need to have the purse at the girdle.*'"—Vol. ii., p. 630.

The annual value of the Rectory, according to *Pope Nicholas' Taxation*, for the two churches, was, Holme £6. 13s. 4d., and Hale £6. 13s. 4d.

According to the *Valor Ecclesiasticus*, Henry VIII.—

Rectoria de Hale, Briano Lucas clerico Rectore ibm,	£.	s.	d.	
valet in decimis et oblaconib; p annū . . . . .	xj	xvj	xj	} £. s. d. xiiij xj iiij ob.
Redd. et firm' p annū . . . . .	xxxiiij	iiij	ob.	
P'quis cur' ibm cōib; ann' . . . . .		xij		
De quib; in				
Sinod epō Norwiċ p a <sup>m</sup> . . . . .	iiij			} xv
P'curaċ archio Norff. p a <sup>m</sup> . . . . .	x			
Feod sen <sup>li</sup> . cur' ibm p a <sup>m</sup> . . . . .		xij		
Et valet ultra clare . . . . .				xij xvj iiij ob.
X <sup>ma</sup> . inde . . . . .				xxv vij ob. q.

Eight residents in Holme Hale voted at the election in 1734 for Bacon and Wodehouse, one in respect of freehold in the parish, others elsewhere; while in 1768 there were twelve votes given, seven resident and five non-resident, and among the latter John Dashwood, Esq., of Aylsham, and Daniel Swaine of Leverington; ten for Wodehouse and de Grey, and two for Astley and Coke.

## APPENDIX I.

The Valuations of the Ecclesiastical Benefices of the parishes treated of in these notes, from what is called *Pope Nicholas' Taxation*, about 1291, are as follow :—

## Decanatus de Carynewise.

	£.	s.	d.	
Estbradynham <sup>(a)</sup> . . . . .	14	13	4	
Westbradynham . . . . .	6	16	8	
Neketon <sup>(b)</sup> . . . . .	17	16	8	
Pořco de Westač in eadem . . . . .	3	6	8	} Prior de Sporle alien.
Sporle cum porcoib; <sup>(c)</sup> . . . . .	31	13	4	
Vicar ejusdam . . . . .	4	13	4	
Holme . . . . .	6	13	4	
Hale . . . . .	6	13	4	

(<sup>a</sup>) Ecclia de Estbradynham cum porč de Donemowe.

(<sup>b</sup>) Ecclia de Neketon pť porč ř p Vicar indeč.

(<sup>c</sup>) Ecclia de Sporle cum porč de Florence ř Rolam pť Vicar.

## Decanatus de Kernawyz.

Prior de Westacre de řra ř redd. . . . .	2	16	0	} Holm ř Hař.
Port cam Teford de redd. . . . .	2	6		
Prior de Sporle de redd. . . . .		6		
Pona Priors de Castelacre. In Est bradenham de redd. 4s.				

## APPENDIX II.

Since the record on p. 104 has been printed I have obtained a full copy of the Inquisition taken after the death of Robert Hoogan, who died on 4th March, Ao. 1st Edward VI. as before stated, which was held at Watton on 17th September, Ao. 10th Jac. I. As the property of which he died possessed is here more fully described than I have been able to do in my former notice, I give a translation of it now with but little abbreviation, although perhaps with some repetition. The return of the jurors in this states that certain lands and tenements called *Crowes*, containing by estimation twenty acres, and lands and tenements called *Brownes*, estimated at twelve acres, and others called *Woodcrofts*, estimated at thirteen acres, in East Bradenham and Skarnynge, by the death of Henry Hoogan, Esq., and in consequence of the minority of Robert Hoogan, Esq., son and heir of said Henry, fell into the hands of the late Queen Elizabeth, and afterwards into those of the present king. Also that the aforesaid Henry Hoogan was in his lifetime seized in fee of the manor of HAMONDES with the appurtenances in Eastbradenham and other towns adjoining, and of a messuage

called *Wagstaffes* before *Elbaldes*, and two tofts called *Edmondes* and *Rawlyns*, with ninety-five acres of land, meadow and pasture, thereto belonging, parcel whereof reported to be lying in Eastbradenham and Skarnynge, and of a piece of pasture called *Ingryngehoe* greene, estimated to contain eight acres, in Skarnynge; and of certain land and pasture called Guntons, containing sixty acres, in Skarnynge; and of lands and tenements called *Shymplinges*, containing six acres, in Eastbradenham and Skarnynge; and of a messuage with a croft late of Grace Boonynge, containing one acre, in Neckton; and of lands and tenements called *Fulbornes*, estimated at ten acres, in Eastbradenham; and lands and tenements, late *Edes* and *Heyes*, estimated at six acres, in Eastbradenham and Skarnynge; and also of a certain portion of tythes issuing from the Rectory of Neyton als. Neckton, with the appurtenances. And the said Henry Hoogan was seized in fee of the advowsons of the churches of Eastbradenham and Neyton als. Neckton, with the appurtenances. And being so seized as aforesaid, the said Henry on the 10th April, Ao. 14th Elizabeth, by a charter so dated, granted and enfeoffed the same to Francis Wyndam, late Lord Justice of the Queen's Bench, Nathaniel Bacon, Esq., now Knight, and John Hoogan, Esq., to the following uses, viz., to the use of Anne, wife of said Henry, and her assigns for her life, and after her decease to the use of the right heirs of him said Henry for ever. By virtue of which gift and of the statute, &c., the said Henry and Ann, in right of said Ann, were seized of the said manor, lands, &c., and the said Henry so died seized, the said Robert Hoogan being then his son and heir of the age of thirty-six weeks and four days, and the said Ann survived the said Henry and became solely seized of the said manor, &c., for her life, with remainder to said Robert Hoogan, as son and heir of Henry, in fee. And the said Ann, by reason that the said lands and tenements called *Crowes*, *Brownes*, and *Woodcrofts*, did not reach the full value of one third part of all the said manor, lands, &c., of the said Henry, therefore by virtue of a commission of the late Queen, issued out of the Court of Wards and Liveries, a certain close of pasture in Eastbradenham, containing 17a. 1r., was added to make a full third part of the said manor, &c., and so the said 17a. 1r. of pasture came to the hands of the Queen and afterwards to the hands of the present King, after the death of said Henry, and by reason of the minority of Robert. And the said Robert being seized of the lands, &c., called *Crowes*, *Brownes*, and *Woodcrofts*, and the said Ann of the manor, lands, &c., portion and advowsons aforesaid, with remainder to the said Robert, a fine was levied in Trinity, 10th Jac. I., between said Ann by the name *Ann Hungate*, querent, and the said Robert Hoogan, named Robert Hoogan, Esq., deforcient, of the same tenements and remainder, amongst others, by the name of the manor of *Hamondes* als. *Hamonts*, with, &c., and fifteen messuages, one dove-house, fifteen gardens, fifteen orchards, one hundred acres of land, two hundred acres of meadow, one thousand acres of pasture, two hundred acres of wood, two hundred acres of heath (*bruere*), twenty acres of moor, twenty acres of rush (*juncarie*), and forty shillings rent, with the appurtenances in Eastbradenham, Skarnynge, Westbradenham, Shipdham, Neighton als. Neckton, Holme Hale, and Wendlinge, also of a certain portion of tythes issuing from the Rectory of Neighton als. Neckton, and the advowsons of the churches of Eastbradenham and Neighton als. Neckton. And for that acknowledgement, quit claim,



fine, &c., the same Anne gave to the said Robert £600 sterling, which fine so had and levied was to the uses of the said Ann Hungate and her heirs forever, if the said Robert Hoogan should not pay, &c., to said Anne in or at her residence (*domum mansionalem*) in East-bradenham, on the 1st September now last past, ten shillings of lawful money, &c. And if said Robert should pay to said Ann the aforesaid sum, then the fine of and concerning the manor and premises aforesaid mentioned to be conveyed to the said Francis Wyndam, Katherine Bacon, Nathaniel Bacon, and John Hoogan, and all other manors, lands, &c., in which said Ann before the time of the fine had any estate for life, should be to the use of the said Ann and her assigns for her life, and after her death to the use of said Robert and his heirs; and as to and concerning all other, &c., to the use of Robert and his heirs forever, as by a certain indenture made between said Robert and Ann, dated the first of June then last, to the jurors then produced fully appeared. By virtue of which fine, &c., the aforesaid Ann Hungate became and was still seized of the manor, &c., aforesaid in fee. And the jurors further found that Robert afterwards, on 3rd July last past, died, and that Ann, wife of Henry Dey, Knt., and Elizabeth, wife of Nicholas Beddingfeild, gen', were next heirs of said Robert and of full age, Ann being fifty-seven years old and more, and Elizabeth sixty years and more. And the jurors moreover further said that the ten shillings were not paid to said Ann Hungate on the preceding 1st September, and that at the time of the death of said Robert the King's hands had not been taken off the possession of the 17a. 1r. of pasture and the lands and tenements called *Crowes*, *Brownes*, and *Woodcroftes*, but were still in the King's hands. And they found that all the same lands were held of the King in capite by knight's service, but by what part of a knight's fee they did not know. And that no other lands, &c., by the death of said Henry Hoogan, and in consequence of the minority of said Robert Hoogan, had come to or remained in the hands of the King to the knowledge of the jurors aforesaid.—*Add. Charter, Brit. Mus.*, 9276.

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### APPENDIX III.

#### INVENTORIES OF NORFOLK CHURCH GOODS,

*P.R.O.*, vol. 504, p. 191.

#### SOUTHGRĒHOWE.

Neyton. This Inuentarie indented made the vj day of September in vj yer of the reign of o<sup>r</sup>.souign lord Edward the vj by the grace of god Kyng of Ingland ffraunce & Ireland defender of the feith & in therthe of the Churche of Ingland & of Ireland sup<sup>m</sup>e head attwyn Willm ffermo<sup>r</sup> John Robsart xpofer Heydon Knighte Osbo<sup>r</sup>ne Momford Robt Barney & John Calybut Esquyers Comys<sup>s</sup>ion<sup>s</sup> among other assigned by vtue of the kyng<sup>e</sup> ma<sup>t</sup>e Comys<sup>s</sup>ion to them directed for the Survey of Churche good<sup>e</sup> in Norff. of thone ptie and Tho<sup>m</sup> dysse Curat there Robt Rust gen. With Hawke Roger Ocley Paule

Mason & John Grix of thother ptie Wyttenessith that there do remain in ther Custody these goodes vnd<sup>r</sup> wretyn—

In p <sup>is</sup> j Chales w <sup>t</sup> a patyne of Sylū all gilte weyeng xvj oncel and j other Chalys & patyne of silū all gilte weyeng xv oncel y <sup>e</sup> on <sup>ce</sup> at iiij <sup>s</sup> . iiij <sup>d</sup> . . . . .	vj <sup>li</sup> . xiiij <sup>s</sup> . iiij <sup>d</sup> .
Itm. iij Steple Bell <sup>e</sup> weyeng by estymacon xxx <sup>e</sup> wherof the gret belle xij <sup>e</sup> the ij <sup>de</sup> belle x <sup>e</sup> & the lytell Belle viij <sup>e</sup> the C at xv <sup>s</sup> . . .	xxij <sup>li</sup> . x <sup>s</sup> .
Itm. ij handbell <sup>e</sup> iij belle Claps weyeng iiij <sup>xx</sup> iiij <sup>lb</sup> . . . . .	vij <sup>s</sup> . x <sup>d</sup> .
Itm. j lytell belle called a Saunce bell . . . . .	xx <sup>d</sup> .
Itm. j Cope of Crymsen velvet j of white damask & j of blewe silk . . .	xvij <sup>s</sup> .
Itm. j vestment of blewe sylke w <sup>t</sup> smalle pal <sup>e</sup> j of white damask j old vestment of blewe j of redd saye & j of blewe velvet . . .	x <sup>s</sup> . ij <sup>d</sup> .
Itm. iij paul <sup>e</sup> wherof ij red & j white & iij Couyng <sup>e</sup> w <sup>t</sup> fryng <sup>e</sup> for alters . . . . .	v <sup>s</sup> .

Wherof assigned to be ocupied & vsed in the mynistracon of dyvyne ſuice the seid Chalys weyeng xv ouncel j patyne the lytell Belle weyeng viij<sup>e</sup> j belle Clape ij Surplys vj Rochett<sup>e</sup> j table clothe & vj towell<sup>e</sup>. In wyttenes wherof the seid Comyssiouns and thother psones abouenamed to these Inuenterys indented altnatly haue put ther hande the day & yere abovewretyn.

By me Thomas Dysse.

by me Robt Ruste.

per me Wyff Hawke.

vj<sup>li</sup>. xiiij<sup>s</sup>. iiij<sup>d</sup>. xxxix<sup>s</sup>. ij<sup>d</sup>. xxij<sup>li</sup>. xij<sup>s</sup>. vj<sup>d</sup>.

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#### THE HUNDRED OF SOUTHEGRENHOWE.

Holme Hale. This Inventorie Indented made the vj<sup>th</sup> daye of September in the Sext yere of the Reign of our most drade soueign lord Edward the Sext by the Grace of god kinge of Inglond ffrance & also of Ireland defendour of the ffeith & in therthe of the churche of Inglond & Ireland the supme hedde Betwen Wiltm ffermour John Robsart & xpofer heydon knight<sup>e</sup> Robert Berney Osbert mondford & John Calybutt esquyers Comission<sup>s</sup> emonge<sup>e</sup> others assigned by utue of the Kyng<sup>e</sup> ma<sup>te</sup> Comission to them dyrected for the Survey of churche good<sup>e</sup> in norff. of the one ptie and John clenche-wardton Clerk Tho<sup>ms</sup> Deynes Tho<sup>ms</sup> warde of the other ptie Wittenesse that ther Remayneth in ther Custodie theise good<sup>e</sup> vnder wrytton—

Itm. one payer of Chalice of silū all Gilte wayenge xiiij owncel euy ownce iiij <sup>s</sup> . iiij <sup>d</sup> . . . . .	iiij <sup>li</sup> . vij <sup>d</sup> .
It. one pyxe of silū pcell gylt weyenge iiij owncel iij qrters euy owncel iiij <sup>s</sup> . viij <sup>d</sup> . . . . .	xvij <sup>s</sup> . v <sup>d</sup> .

Itm. one Servet of whight & Redd Silke w <sup>t</sup> one cope therto belongyñ	
valued at . . . . .	xxvj <sup>s</sup> . viij <sup>d</sup> .
It. one Cope of grene Silke valued at . . . . .	v <sup>s</sup> .
It. one vestem <sup>t</sup> of Grene silke Cruell . . . . .	iiij <sup>s</sup> . iiiij <sup>d</sup> .
It. ij hangyns valued at . . . . .	v <sup>s</sup> .
It. ij bellez weyenge xvj <sup>c</sup> xij <sup>li</sup> wherof the gret Belle weith xv <sup>c</sup> di. & the other di <sup>c</sup> xv <sup>s</sup> C [ <i>sic</i> ] . . . . .	xij <sup>li</sup> .
Itm. ij Belle clappers valued at . . . . .	v <sup>s</sup> .

Wherof assigned to be occupied & vsed in the administraçon of devyne Juice the seid Chalyce & the seid Belle of xv<sup>c</sup> di. In wittenesse wherof the seid Coñmission<sup>s</sup> & other the seid psons to theise indentur<sup>e</sup> alñnatlye haue Sett their hand<sup>e</sup> the Daye & yere aboue wrytton.

p me Johem Clenchwardton rectore iñm.

iiij<sup>li</sup>. xvij<sup>s</sup>. j<sup>d</sup>.    xlv<sup>s</sup>.    xij<sup>li</sup>.    p me Rog<sup>u</sup> Bulwer.

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#### THE HUNDRED OF SOUTHEGRENEHOWE.

West bradenhñ. This Invētorie indented made the vj daye of September in the Sext yere of the Reign of ou<sup>r</sup> most drade souēign lord Edward the Sext by the Grace of god Kinge of Ingland ffanc & also of Ireland Defendour of the ffeithe & in therthe of the churche of Ingland & also of Ireland the sup<sup>m</sup>e hedde Betwen Wiñm ffermour John Robsart & xpofer heydon knight<sup>e</sup> Robert Berney Osbert mondeford & John Calibutt esquyers, Coñmission<sup>s</sup> emonge others assigned by vertue of the Kyng<sup>e</sup> mat<sup>e</sup> Coñmission to them dyrected for the Survey of chuche good<sup>e</sup> in norff. of the one ptie Edmūde ward Clerk wiñm mūsaw Thom<sup>s</sup> Tudēhñ & John mūsaw of the same town of the other ptie wittenesse that ther Reymayneth in ther custodye theise Goodes vnder wrytton—

In pñmis one chalice w <sup>t</sup> the patent of silū & pcell Gilt weyenge xij owne <sup>e</sup> di eūy ownce iiij <sup>s</sup> . viij <sup>d</sup> . . . . .	xl <sup>v</sup> .    x <sup>d</sup> .
Itm. Crosse of Copp pcell Gilte & one paxe valued at . . . . .	xij <sup>d</sup> .
Itm. v copes wherof one of grene velvett one of whight Satten one of Redde Satten one of whight fusteyn one of grene Silke valued at . . . . .	iiij <sup>li</sup> . vj <sup>s</sup> . viij <sup>d</sup> .
It. v vestment <sup>e</sup> one of grene velvett one of whight Satten one of whight fusten one of grene Silke valued at . . . . .	xl <sup>s</sup> .
Itm. iiij Candelstyke <sup>e</sup> valued at . . . . .	iiij <sup>s</sup> .
Itm. iiij Bell <sup>e</sup> weyenge by es <sup>t</sup> xxiiij <sup>c</sup> wherof the gret bell weight x <sup>c</sup> di. the ij <sup>de</sup> belle viij <sup>c</sup> the iiij <sup>de</sup> belle v <sup>c</sup> di. xv <sup>s</sup> . C . . . . .	xviiij <sup>li</sup> .

Wherof assigned to be occupied & vsed in the administraçon of devyne Juice the seid Chalice and one belle of v<sup>c</sup> di. In wittenesse wherof the seid Coñmission<sup>s</sup> & the seid psons to theis Indentur<sup>e</sup> alñnatlye haue Sett ther hand<sup>e</sup> the daye and yere aboue wrytton.

[p] me Edmūdū Warde Clieue

xl<sup>v</sup>. x<sup>d</sup>.    v<sup>li</sup>. x<sup>s</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>.    xviiij<sup>li</sup>.    p me Rog<sup>u</sup> Bulwer.

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HUNDRED OF SOUTHGRENHOWE.

Est Bradnhm̃. This Inuentorie indentid made the vj<sup>te</sup> day of September in the vj<sup>te</sup> yer of the reign of our Souēign lorde Edwarde the Sexte by the grace of god Kyng of Englonde ffraunce & Irelonde Defendour of the ffeyth and in earthe of the Chirche of Englonde & Irelonde the sup̃me heade Betwen John Robsert William ffermo<sup>r</sup> xpofer heydon knyght Osbert Moundeforde Robert Berney & John Calybutt esquyer Comyssoner amonge others assigned by ūtu of the Kyng Maties Comyssion to them directid for the survey of Chirche good in Norff. of thoñ ptie And James London Clerke John Sloppe Robert Larke Robert Cullynder And Thomas Chaplyn inñtñt of the same towne of the other ptie Witenessith that ther remayn in ther Custody the day of makyng herof theis good vnder wretten—

In p̃mis oñ Chales w <sup>t</sup> a patyne of Syluer pcell gilte weyeng xj ounce di.	
valued at iijs. viij <sup>d</sup> . the ounce	xlijs. ij <sup>d</sup> .
It. iij bell weyeng by estimacon xxx <sup>e</sup> <sup>li</sup> wherof the litle belle weyeth viij <sup>e</sup> the second belle x <sup>e</sup> & the greate belle xij <sup>e</sup> valued at xv <sup>s</sup> . the C. xxij <sup>li</sup> . x <sup>s</sup> .	
It. iij Clapper weyeng iiij <sup>xx</sup> <sup>li</sup>	vjs. viij <sup>d</sup> .
It. one Coope of whight damaske valued at	vjs. viij <sup>d</sup> .
It. oñ Coope of Red Sylke valued at	iijs. iiij <sup>d</sup> .
It. oñ blacke Cope of worsted at	iiij <sup>s</sup> .
It. oñ vestment of whyght damaske valued at	v <sup>s</sup> .
It. oñ vestmente of Red Sylke at	ijs. iiij <sup>d</sup> .
It. oñ vestment of blacke worsted at	ijs. viij <sup>d</sup> .
It. ij handebell weyeng x <sup>li</sup>	xv <sup>d</sup> .
It. oñ Cope of whight Sylke valued at	iiij <sup>s</sup> .
It. ij tunicles of whight damaske valued at	iiij <sup>s</sup> .

[Wherof assigned to be] <sup>1</sup> occupied & vsed in thadministracon of diuine ſuice ther the seid Chales w<sup>t</sup> the patyne [and the litle b]elle weyeng viij<sup>e</sup> <sup>li</sup>. [In wittenes wh]erof the seid Comyssoner & other the seid psons to theis Inuentories alñnatly [haue putte ther] hand the day & yer before wretton.

by me James London curat.  
[ . . . ] xxij<sup>li</sup>. xjs. iiij<sup>d</sup>. xl<sup>s</sup>. p m [ . . . ].

<sup>1</sup> The portions between brackets are torn off.

## APPENDIX IV.

## ECCLESIASTICAL ADDENDA.

## HALE ALS. HOLME HALE.

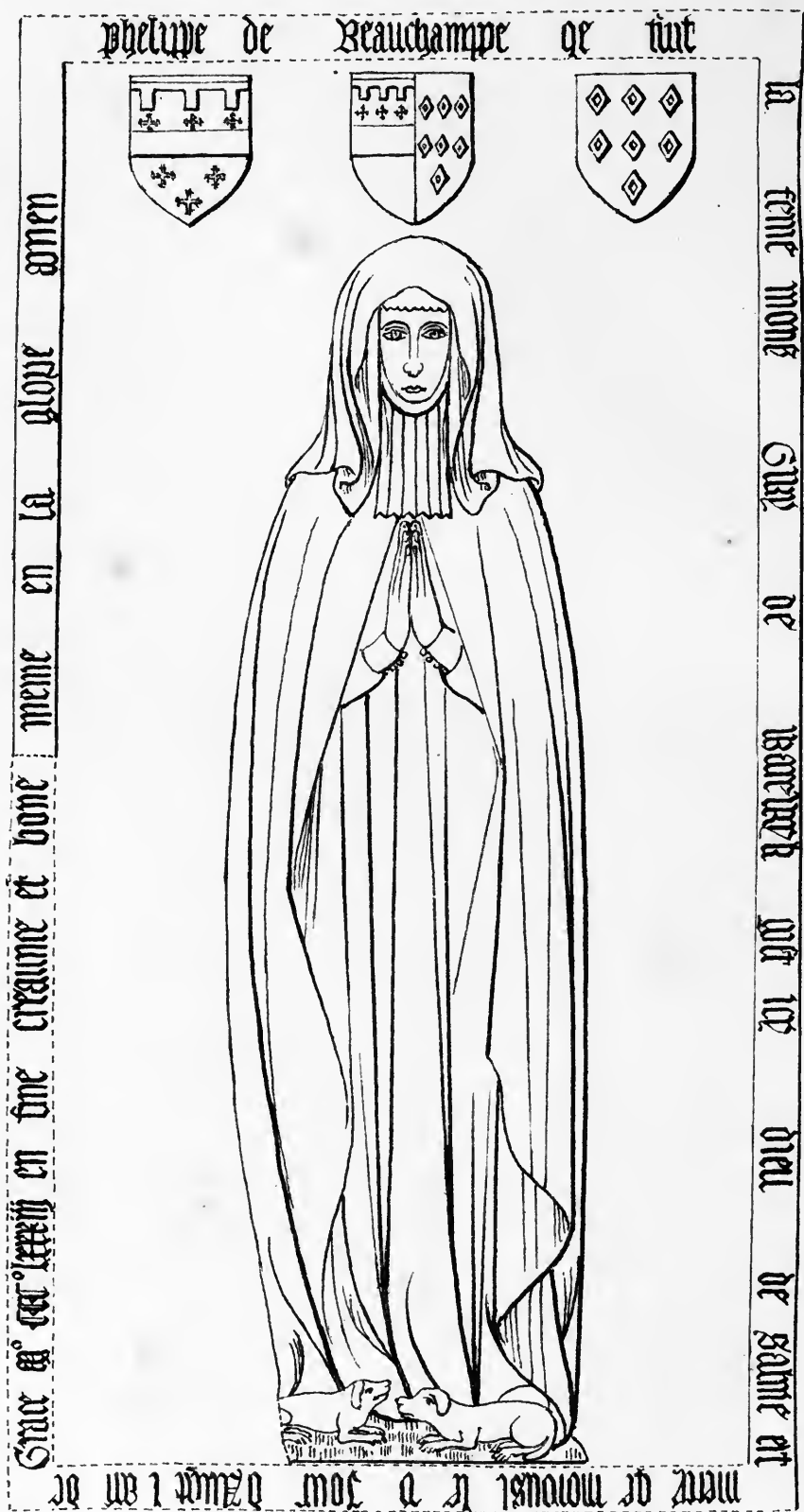
Reg. I. 70, 2 kal. Maij, 1317.	Adam Talbot (ad Hale holm S. Andr.) ad præs. Petri Talbot de Fyncham consensu. Edm. Illey, mil.
„ 87, } 3 kal. Nov. 1320.	Tho. Doraunt ad præs. John Plumstede 1328 (H. 92). (Holm S. Andr.)
„ 90, }	
Reg. II. 66, 5 kal. Sept. 1334.	Rad. fil. Joh. de Well ad præs. Edm. de Illey, mil. (Holmhale S. Andr.)
Reg. III. 36, 22 Mart. 1340.	Robtus de Beston ad præs. Rici Burwode. (Southolm juxta Hale.)
Reg. IV. 78, 28 Apr. 1349.	Will. de Illey ad præs. ejusd. Edm. Illy. } (Hale holm.)
„ 99, 27 Jul. 1349.	Edm. Cole ad præs. Alani de Illey.
„ 138, 17 Apr. 1352.	Rob. de Burwood.
Reg. VI. 31, 7 Mart. 1373.	Joh. de Tyfneteshall, ad præs. Steph. de Tyfteshal. (Holmhale.)
„ 91, 22 Jul. 1383.	Joh. Wryght ad præs. Ric. de Illey, mil. et Edm. Cole Rect. Med. de Hale. (Holmhale S. Andr.)
„ 248, 22 Jul. 1399.	Jões Ferren ad præs. Robti Hylley. (Hale x marc.)
„ 329, pen. Jan. 1405.	Jões atte Fen de Knapton ad præs. Rogeri Boys, mil. hac vice. (Hale S. Andr. x marc.)
Reg. VII. 10, 22 Aug. 1408.	Tho. Sopere ad præs. Will. Sopere de Mildnal x. (Holmhale S. Andr.)
Reg. IX. 49, 22 Sept. 1431.	Joh. South (p mut. cum Cant. de Haryngton, Linc.) ad præs. Dñi Rog. Boys mil. (Holmhale.)
„ 19, 10 Nov. 1438.	Jões Grome de Sechesford ad præs. Sibillæ ux. Rogeri Boys, mil.
Reg. X. 44, 22 Sept. 1442.	Joh. Cokston ad præs. Isabellæ quæ fuit ux. Rogeri Boys, mil.
„ 4 Oct. 1442.	Joh. Osmond ad præs. Sib. relictæ Rog. Boys, mil. x. (Hale x marc.)
Reg. XI. 59, xv. Jan. 1450.	Ric. Pye ad præs. ejusd. (Holmhale x marc.)
„ 74, 18 Martij, 1453.	Robtus Faux ad præs. ejusd. Sibillæ x. (Holme.)
„ 32, penult. Jun. 1454.	Rob. Mayster ad præs. Edm. Blake, arm. (S. Andr. de Hale voc. New Chirch x marc.)
„ 175, 13 Jun. 1470.	Edm. Blake ad præs. Ed. Blake, arm. (Hulmo S. Andr. x marc.)
Reg. XV. 49, 22 Dec. 1513.	Will. Palmer ad coll. Epi. p laps (in Eccl. de Hulmo cum Hale eid. unit. et annex.)
Reg. XVII. 98, 24 Jun. 1543.	Brianus Lucas.
Reg. XVIII. 180, 6 Sep. 1557.	Joh. Clenchwarton als. Watson (N. Ind.) ad præs. Joh. Jenney, arm. o. (Holmhale S. Andr.)
Reg. XIX. 20, 16 Dec. 1559.	Chñoph Hotesone ad præs. Arth. Jenney, arm. (Hale.)
„ 44, 15 Jan. 1560.	Joh. Watson ad coll. Epi. p. laps. (Hale in Arch. Norf.)
„ 132, 23 Oct. 1566.	Joh. Parkinson ad præs. Dño R o. (Hale.)
Reg. XX. 40, 16 Sept. 1579.	Joh. Leder ad præs. Arth. Jenney, arm. x. (Holmhale.)
„ 87, 26 Feb. 1582.	Fr. Abbot ad præs. ejusd. (Holmhale.)
„ 238, 1 Oct. 1595.	Robtus Boning ad præs. dñæ R p. laps. (Hale Cranw.)
„ 281, 29 Jan. 1599.	Marmad. Cholmely ad præs. East. Bedingfield, arm. (Holmhale.)
	Henr. Burie ad præs. dñæ R p. laps. (Hale Cranw.) 1604.

Reg. XXII. 41, 19 Martij, 1612.	Leon. Burton ad præs. Joe. Jordan.
„ 14 Sept. 1621.	Tho. Burton S. Th. B. „ 1618 idem cum R. de Cressingham M. Edv. Barker ad præs. ejusd. (raõne assign. Anth. Bedingfeld) 1627 (Cons.) 1636 (Cons.)
Reg. Montague, 16 Nov. 1639.	Dudl. Hoper ad præs. Canc. et Acad. Cantabr.
Reg. Reynolds, 27 Jun. 1661.	Rob. Wright ad præs. Thøe. Bedingfeld o.
„ 10 Maij, 1675.	Tim. Caryan ad præs. ejusd. o.
Lib. Trimmell, 10 Jan. 1711.	Jões Rolfe ad præs. Jer. Benton de Necton, gen.
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7 Oct. 1752.	William Young, præs. Thos. Patrick Young, clk. Holme Hale was consolidated with Necton October, 1784.
30 June, 1794.	Thomas Young, on his own petition.
27 March, 1838.	William Young. The Bishop, by lapse. The livings were disunited 22 May, 1840.
13 Dec. 1844.	Henry Milne, on his own petition.

## EAST BRADENHAM.

Lib. I. 10, 8 kal. Jan. 1302.	Will. de Burston ad præs. Juliaenæ de Sturton.
Lib. IV. 111, 7 Oct. 1349.	Edm. de Myldenhale ad præs. Aðbis de S. Edmundo.
Lib. V. 54, 21 Oct. 1361.	Will. de Humberstan ad præs. Dñi R. raõne voc. Aðbis S. Edm <sup>di</sup> .
„ 66, 8 id. Oct. 1361.	Will. Humberstan junr. (p mut. cum Walton sup Trent, Litch.) ad præs. Aðbis. S. Edm <sup>di</sup> .
„ 78, 13 kal. Dec. 1368.	Henr. de Tylyng (p mut. cum Thurescoes, Linc.) ad præs. ejusd.
„ 86, 7 Jun. 1369.	Sim. Fymmer (p mut. cum Elderham Vic.) ad præs. ejusd.
Lib. VI. 77, 27 Dec. 1381.	Jões Ive ad præs. dñi R. raõne vac. Aðbis S. Edm <sup>di</sup> .
Lib. VIII. 69, 19 Dec. 1421.	Mr. Nic. Bacot ad præs. Aðbis S. Edm <sup>di</sup> .
Lib. IX. 4, 22 Dec. 1425.	Iões Cok (p mut. cum Iklingham S <sup>ti</sup> Jac.) ad præs. Aðbis S. Edm <sup>di</sup> .
„ 36, 7 Nov. 1429.	Idem Jões Cok ad præs. ejusd.
Lib. X. 17, 9 Aug. 1438.	Rad. Kemp (p mut. cum Haddesco) ad præs. ejusd.
„ 13, 4 May, 1444.	Tho. Boott (p mut. cum Aylesham) ad præs. ejusd.
Lib. XI. 40, 17 Oct. 1451.	Tho. Hill ad præs. ejusd.
„ 117, 27 Mart. 1460.	Tho. Stocke.
„ 129, 22 Oct. 1461.	Roðtus Ippeswell, LL.B. ad præs. ejusd.
„ 178, 1 Mart. 1470.	Jões Adam (p mut. cum Baldeswell.)
Lib. XII. 55, 9 Jul. 1477.	Wills. Duffeld ad præs. ejusd.
„ 122, 8 May, 1486.	Jões Segrave ad præs. ejusd.
„ 183, 23 Feb. 1494.	Roðtus Barbour ad præs. ejusd.
„ 202, 16 Mart. 1497.	Edm. Briggett ad præs. ejusd.
Lib. XIII. 10, 29 Oct. 1501.	Jões Bettys ad præs. ejusd.
Lib. XVII. 86, 29 Mart. 1542.	Edm. Potter ad præs. ejusd.
Lib. XIX. 113, 12 Mart. 1564.	Ant. Hogan ad præs. Roðti Hogan, arm. 1555.
„ 217, 14 Feb. 1571.	Ric. Frankling ad præs. Thøe. Hogan, arm.
Lib. XXII. 47, 31 Mart. 1614.	Jões Blanks ad præs. ejusd. 1604.
	Roðtus Murdun ad præs. Annæ Hungate, vid. 1627 (Cons.)
	Will. Strode S. Th. B. „ „ 1636.
	Rob. Seppins.





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Lib. Reynolds, 6 Feb. 1660.	Will. Barrow ad præ. Hen. Hungate de Leycester, arm.
Lib. Sparrow, 28 Oct. 1676.	Jac. Deane ad præ. Gul. Deane, gen.
13 Aug. 1683.	Nath. Spalding ad præ. Gul. Goulson, mil.
Lib. Moore, 9 Mart. 1705.	Tho. Brewer ad præ. Morris Goulston.
16 Jul. 1707.	Car. Le Blanc ad præ. Morris Goulston, arm.
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1713.	Samuel Croxall, afterwards D.D., Residentiary of Hereford and Chaplain in Ordinary to the King. Patron, M. Goulston as before.
1716.	Isaac Sayer, A.M., on the cession of Croxall; he held this and Crownthorp in Norfolk united. Patron as before.
1722.	Edmund Nelson, A.B., on the death of Sayer. Patron as before.
1735.	Joshua Crofts. Patron, Gibson Lucas, Gent.
6 Feb. 1782.	John Crofts. „ Benjamin Crofts, Clk.
27 Oct. 1797.	Arthur Iveson. „ Thomas Oxley, Merchant.
7 July, 1832.	Joseph Smith. „ Thomas Adlington, Esq.

## NECTON.

Rectors, from Blomefield's *Norfolk*.

Stephen, Rector about the reign of Henry II. or III.

1315.	Ralp de Fuldene (or Ralph de Thirne) presented by Maud de Tony.
1355.	Alban Atte-Fen . . . . „ Guy, Earl of Warwick.
1371.	John Semere de Carlton . . . . „ The Lady Philippa de Beauchamp.
1384.	John Eyr . . . . „ The King.
1388.	Thomas de Wroxham . . . . „ Thomas, Earl of Warwick.
1422.	Nicholas Hatheway . . . . „ Richard, Earl of Warwick.
1427.	John Verney . . . . „ Feoffees to Richard, Earl of Warwick.
1427.	William Berskwel . . . . „ John Verney, &c.
1439.	John Smyth . . . . „ Richard, Earl of Warwick.
	William Hill died Rector.
1459.	Michael Clements . . . . „ Feoffees to Richard, Earl of Warwick.
	Michael, a friar preacher, died Rector.
1477.	Thomas Type . . . . „ Richard, Duke of Gloucester.
1485.	Thomas Hylling . . . . „ Collated by lapse.
1507.	Thomas Neche died Rector . . . . „ The King.
1550.	Anthony Hogan . . . . „ Bridgett Calybutt, wife of John Calibut, Esq., and relict of Robert Hogan, Esq.
	Gabriel Griffin.
	John Barnes.
1576.	William Randall . . . . „ Anthony Hogan, Esq.
	William Pritherigge, LL.D. (resigned.)
1580.	Henry Crooke, A.M. . . . „ „ „
1587.	Anthony Hogan . . . . „ Henry Hogan, Esq.
1630.	John Gerard . . . . „ Philip Gerard, Esq., and William Gerard, Esq.
1644.	Nicholas Rust . . . . „ Thomas Gerard, Gent.
	John Brockel.
1661.	Ralph Outlaw, A.M. . . . „ Tho. Thorowgood, Rector of Cressingham Magna.

1662.	John Steer, A.M.	. . . . .	Presented by Sir Edward Barkham, Sir Tho. Wodehouse, and Edward Chamberlain, Esq.
1693.	William Delke	. . . . .	„ The King, by lapse.
1718.	John Rolf	. . . . .	„ Mr. Henry Wastell, A.M.
1749.	Thomas Patrick Young	. . . . .	„ Mrs. Mary Young.

Vicars, from Blomefield's *Norfolk*.

1300.	Robert Page, of Saham Tony,	presented by Sir Robert Tony.
1328.	Robert Hubert, of Dunham Parva	„ Maud de Tony.
1348.	William de Sutton	„ Thomas Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick.
1349.	John Gayte	„ Thomas, Earl of Warwick.
	John de Douchirch.	
1352.	Hugh Skoner	„ „ „
1356.	William Leighton	„ Sir Guy de Warwick.
1359.	William Walvyne	„ „ „
1368.	John Galt	„ Philippa, relict of Sir Guy.
1380.	John Fauconer	„ „ „
1381.	John Seymer	„ „ „
1409.	John Atte Dam, of Oxburgh	„ Richard, Earl of Warwick.
1419.	Robert Smith	„ Attorneys to Richard, Earl of Warwick.
1441.	Thomas Bolton.	
1446.	John Wright	„ Feoffees of the Manor of Necton, for Richard, Earl of Warwick.
1448.	Robert Curteys	„ „ „
1459.	Robert Mayster	„ „ „
1461.	Robert Gorham	„ „ „
1504.	William Beer.	
1507.	Richard Goodwyn	„ Thomas Neche, Rector of Necton; the patronage of the Vicarage being now perpetually vested in the Rector for the time being.

Copied from fly-leaves of Register in Necton Church.

Presentations to Necton Rectory and Vicarage, from the Registry Books at Norwich.

Dec. 11, 1546. Thomas Dysse, S.T.P., was instituted to the Vicarage, vacant by the death of Richard Goodwin, on the presentation of Thomas Neche, Clerk, Rector of the said parish.

April 30, 1550. Anthony Hogan, to the Rectory, on the presentation of Bridget Calybutt, wife of John Calybutt, Esq., relict of Robert Hogan, Esq., who had a grant of the moiety of tithes formerly belonging to Westacre Abbey from Henry the 7th.

May 28, 1555. Gabriel Griffin, to the Vicarage, on the resignation of Thomas Dysse, on the presentation of Edmund Goodwin, Gent.

Sept. 13, 1557. Thomas Steppes, al. Hebbe, to the Vicarage, on the presentation of the said Mr. Goodwin.

Dec. 26, 1559. Thomas Briggs, to the Vicarage, on the death of Hebbe, on the presentation of Mary Rust, widow.

May 5, 1563. John Barnes, to the Vicarage, on the resignation of Briggs, on the presentation of the said Mrs. Rust.

N.B.—These four presentations not being in Mr. Hoogan's name was occasioned by his granting part of his estate and the advowson of this Vicarage for a term of years to Thomas Disse, which Disse sold to Goodwin, and Goodwin granted to Mary Rust.

Aug. 1, 1580. Henry Croke, to the Vicarage, on the resignation of Barnes, on the presentation of Ant. Hogan, Gent.

Mar. 25, 1587. He was instituted to the Rectory, on the presentation of Henry Hogan, Gent.

Dec. 8, 1630. John Gerard, to the Rectory, on the presentation of Phil. and Will. Gerard.

June 24, 1631. Edm. Agberow, to the Vicarage, on the presentation of Francis Bp. of Norwich by lapse. Against this presentation is wrote in the Bishop's books, "Rector est Patronus."

June 18, 1644. Nic. Rust, to the Rectory, on the death of Gerard, at the pres. of Tho. Gerard.

1660. Ralph Outlaw, to the Vic. and Rectory, on the presentation of Thomas Thorowgood.

May 26, 1684. Edm. Bird, to the Vicarage, on the presentation of John Thorowgood, M.D.

June 9, 1693. Will. Dilke, to the Rectory, on the presentation of K. William and Q. Mary.

July 31, 1708. John Rolfe, to the Vicarage, on the presentation of John Thorowgood.

July 31, 1718. The said John Rolfe resigned the Vicarage into the hands of the Bishop, and the Rectory and Vicarage were consolidated, and then he was instituted to the Rectory of Necton on the presentation of Mr. Wastell. This was done at the death of Dilke.

June 8, 1749. Thomas Patrick Young, on Rolfe's death, on the presentation of Mrs. Mary Young. He resigned it Nov. 15, 1751, in order to qualify himself for his election into a Fellowship at Caius College, Cambridge.

April 29, 1752. Tho. Pat. Young was again instituted into the said Rectory.

[All the above are in the same handwriting.]

October 7, 1752. Wm. Young was instituted to the sd. Rectory, vacant by the resignation of Thos. Pat. Young, at the presentation of the sd. Thos. Pat. Young. [In a different hand.]

June 30, 1794. Thos. Young was instituted to the said Rectory, with the Rectory of Holme Hale alias Hale Bryan annexed, vacant by the death of William Young, on his own petition.

[The four following entries are in the handwriting of the Rev. A. A. Dawson.]

Sep. 1837. Wm. Young died. Fred. Ensor, Curate in sole charge till end of 1844.

Jan. 1845. John P. Reynolds, Rector and Patron.

1862. William H. Walker, Rector and Patron.

1871. Arthur A. Dawson, Rector, on presentation of Mrs. W. H. Walker, widow. [He died in 1883.]

1883. F. K. Povah, Rector, on the presentation of Mrs. Eliza Povah.

#### FURTHER CORRECTION TO HAGGARD PEDIGREE, p. 99.

Instead of as in first descent, the notice of the eldest daughter of W. M. R. Haggard, Esq., should read as follows:—

Ella Doveton H., born at Rome 10 March, 1845, mar. 20 July, 1869, Rev. Chas. E. Maddison Green of Lyonshall, Herefordshire. Issue, son and daughter.

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